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How to use this Dictionary

The Acholi Language

The Acholi belong to the Luo cluster of languages, of the Western Nilotic family of the Nilo-Saharan Phylum, spoken in Uganda (900000 speakers) and in the Sudan (60000 speakers). The language has a high mutual intelligibility with Lango, and varying degrees of intelligibility in Uganda with the Alur (and Jonam), Kumam, Padhola, and in the Sudan with the Pari (Lokoro), Chollo (Shilluk), Jur and the Anyuak (also found in Ethiopia) and with the Luo in Kenya and Tanzania.

Dialects

The two broad dialects are of the Acholi of Uganda and the Sudanese Acholi, along a geo-political divide. The Acholi in Uganda may broadly be divided into East and West, roughly corresponding to the old districts of Kitgum and Gulu respectively. It is possible to further divide these into further dialects. While in the Sudan, there may be three or more dialects. Though no attempt at dialectal distinction has been made in this dictionary, for geo-political reasons loan words used in the Sudan (under the influence of Arabic) may differ from that used in Uganda (often distilled through Swahili). These two countries have different lingua francas: Swahili in Uganda and Juba Arabic in south Sudan.

Parts of Speech

The following word classes and subsets have been identified for the purpose of this dictionary - nouns, adjectives, prepositions, verbs, adverbs (including completion markers), interjections, conjunctions and particles. In addition, pronouns, numerals and demonstrative have been entered in their own rights. No attempt has been made to distinguish between the transitivity levels of verbs. Parts of Speech are printed in *italic* immediately following the main head entries.

aa [áá] *verb*

(of plants to) do well; grow

púúł áá kényó mǎbèèr groundnuts grow well there

Grammatical Abbreviations

The following grammatical abbreviations have been used:

Abbreviation	Meaning
CFR.	CONFER possible further shades of meaning
PLU.	PLURAL more than one version of the word
SGL.	SINGULAR mon-plural version of the word

Word Entries

Words are arranged in alphabetical order following the conventional way of spelling, rather than that which is adapted for this dictionary for ease of word location. Words are first written in their conventional spelling in bold before, entries including tone and vowel distinctions are included within square brackets. The words derived from each word (derivatives) are often included in the same entry rather than being given entries of their own. Though at times when the derivatives are completely removed from the main entries with little hope of meanings being worked out from the meaning of the main word, they are given entries of their own.

gwok [gwòòk] *verb*

1 (to) take care of

2 (to) protect

gwókkèè can be taken care of

gwòkkè take care of her

gwòkkèè taking care of the self

gwòkkò taking care of

The language has a large subset of adverbials, which act as completion markers, which are usually associated with specific verbs. The language has what for a better want of better term, we refer to as verbal nouns, but denoted as nouns. These often end in (-o).

Meanings and Examples

Where a word has more than one meaning, each meaning is numbered separately

cai [cái] *noun*

1 tea

2 bribery

SWA *chai*

Examples have been used sparingly whenever it was felt that it would aid and expand meaning and usage.

agulu [àgùlù] *noun*

pot

àgùlù pfi water pot

àgùlù déèk cooking pot

Standard Orthography

This dictionary deviates from the conventional orthography of Acholi in two main respects. First, it identifies and utilizes all the nine vowels of the language, beyond the usual five. Secondly, it recognizes tone as integral to the proper rendition of the language by marking it. These are both crucial elements in aiding pronunciation, word discrimination and in offering spelling suggestions. However, my view is that, the marking of tones and distinguishing vowel qualities should only be limited to projects like dictionary writings or advanced studies, as meanings of words can usually be deciphered relatively easily from contexts, without unnecessary intrusion.

Vowels

The ten vowels of the language contrast as follows in five pairs as represented in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA):

+ATR	(a)	e	i	o	u
-ATR	a	ɛ	ɪ	ɔ	ʊ

Acholi has four Advanced Tongue Root (+ATR) vowels and the five Retracted Tongue Root (-ATR) vowels.

How to write the vowels

In this dictionary the +ATR vowels will be written with dots underneath while the -ATR vowels will be unmarked (written as in the usual orthography without any markings normally). The adding of the dots beneath the +ATR vowels have been preferred to the use of IPA for a number of reasons. First, because it is easier to do so even by hand. Secondly, because it does not deviate much from the conventional orthography. Thirdly, because it is visually and educationally helpful to note that the +ATR vowel is loaded with a dot beneath it.

+ATR	a	e	i	o	u
-ATR	a	e	i	o	u

Distinguishing the vowels

Although there are nine vowels in the language as a whole, the vowel [a] does not contrast phonemically or phonetically enough to merit being marked in this dictionary. The other pairs contrasts as follows:

<i>Heavy</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Light</i>	<i>gloss</i>
còò	'wake'	còò	'write'
pìì	'water'	pì	'because of'
péé	'not present'	pèè	'hailstone'
gùùr	'nail up'	gùùr	'gather'
gàngí	'homes'	gààng	'home'

Consonants

Acholi has a number of singularly articulated and doubly and secondarily articulated consonants listed below. In this dictionary all the consonants are written as they are normally in the conventional orthography. One point that has to be made is that the velar nasal [ŋ] has been written as [ng] as no convincing reason has been found to use the IPA symbol [ŋ] for this phoneme only. For the convenient of those who would like to study the language further, the consonant chart of the language has been produced below.

Singularly Articulated Consonants

The singularly articulated consonants as used in the orthography are described in the table below. The IPA variant, where it differs from the orthographic version is placed are within square brackets []

Table 0.1. *Singularly articulated consonants*

	bi-labial	labio -dental	alveolar	palatal	velar
plosives (stops)					
voiceless	p		t		k
voiced	b		d		g
nasals					
nasals	m		n	ny [ɲ]	ng [ŋ]
affricates					
voiceless			c [tʃ]		
voiced			j [dʒ]		
others					
lateral			l		
trill			r		
glides				y [j]	

Secondarily Articulated Consonants

The secondarily articulated consonants [kw, gw, etc] and [ty, dy, etc] as shown in the table below:

Table 0.2. *Secondarily articulated consonants*

	bilabial	alveolar	velar
voiceless stops	p ^w py	t ^w ty	k ^w
voiced stops	b ^w by	d ^w dy	g ^w
voiceless affricatives	c ^w [tʃ ^w]	j ^w	
lateral		l ^w ly	
trill		r ^w ry	
nasals	m ^w my		
glides	w		

Tone and Vowel Length

Key Tones

The key tones in Acholi are:

Tone	Word	Meaning	Orthography
High	láák	'wandering'	lak
Low	làk	'teeth'	lak
Mid	mā	particle	ma

Acholi tones are relatively fluid, often influenced by adjacent tones and suprasegmental features such as stress. Thus the adverb 'there' would normally be 'càà', with a sequence of low tones. However in animated speech, an utterance such as 'there he is' will have to be 'én cáá!' rather than 'én càà!'. This poses serious problem for the lexicographer. In this dictionary, the tone supplied is therefore of the individual word in isolation, rather than within a context, as the two may yield different tone patterns.

Gemination

In this dictionary, where a derivational word is written conjunctively, the final consonant of the root word is doubled as follows:

wàác	wàccī	wàccē	wàccò	'say'
kèḗl	kèllī	kèllē	kèllò	'bring'
càām	càmmī	càmmē	càmmò	'eat'
wīl	wīllī	wīllē	wīllò	'buy'

Similarly, tonal information suggests the need for vowel gemination in the root verbs, as they are shown to be polysyllabic. That is why the root vowels have their vowels doubled in the examples above. However, the corresponding medial vowels of derivational verb forms, are not and should not be doubled, though the final consonants are doubled.

More importantly, where the final consonants are digraphs (ng, ny) rather than double the whole consonant only the first half of the digraph is doubled in this dictionary, as in:

wīny	wīnnyī	wīnnyē	wīnnyō	'hear'
lwòḡng	lwònnngī	lwònnngē	lwònnngò	'call'

Etymology

There are a number of loanwords in the language, which this dictionary attempts to identify and suggest possible sources for. Where a source has been suggested as Swahili, it could have easily been suggested as Arabic, as most Swahili words have their origin in Arabic. Similarly, words suggested as of Arabic origin, could have come into the language via Swahili. Word origins are marked after the definitions as in the example below:

cai [cái] *noun*
 1 tea
 2 bribery
 SWA *chai*

The example above suggests that the source of the word for 'tea' is Swahili word 'chai'. While the dictionary also attempts to suggest the original source word, except for English which in most cases is obvious, there is not attempt to suggest that the standard original language spelling is being observed.

The abbreviations used are as follows:

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comments
ARA	ARABIC	Refers to Juba Arabic, rather than classical Arabic
BNT	BANTU	Any of the Bantu languages spoken in Uganda
ENG	ENGLISH	The national language in Uganda and South Sudan
ITA	ITALIAN	Mostly religious lexicon and restricted to Catholics
SWA	SWAHILI	As spoken, especially in Uganda

Gender

Acholi has no grammatical gender. It is only for convenience that examples alternate between 'he' and 'she'.

Acholi - English

A a

a [à-] *prefix, pronoun*

1 short form of first person singular pronoun; "I"
àcítò lậwóró I went yesterday

2 short form of the first person pronoun, which attaches to verbs and marks out the speaker as the subject or doer of the action. àcám mò lậwóró I ate it yesterday
CFR án

a [-á] *suffix, pronoun*

1 short form of first person singular pronoun; "I" used verb finally. òkèllá lậwóró He brought me (here) yesterday

2 short form of first person singular pronoun "I" used to denote the recipient as the benefactive: to or for me. òkèllá lậwóró He brought it to me yesterday

aa [-àà] *suffix*

marks out the object as "the one for"
mé àbíl láà (the one) for tast-

ing; to be tasted

mé àcát láà (the one) for sale

aa [àā] *verb*

1 (to) get up. àā málō get up

2 (to) get lost; move away.

àā kùn nù get lost!

3 (to) have come from, originated from (used with the past tense). dàā kí ì tìc she has come from work

aa [áā] *interjection*

(used to express objection often accompanied by head shake); no, oh no. áā pé ngéyyā Oh no, she does not know me

aa [áà] *interjection*

used to express surprise, wonder or amazement; oh, so. áà mán ịn? Oh is this you!

aa [áá] *verb*

(of plants to) do well; grow. púú! áá kényó mǎbèèr ground-nuts grow well there

aa [āā] *verb*

1 (used as a directive - not polite); get out of the way, give way, get lost! àā kùn nù

Get lost!
 2 (used as directives) start from, originate from
aa [àà] *verb* (used in the past tense) 1 (to) have originated, come from
 2 (to) have started or commenced from or in. *dàà kí ì Gulu* He came from or originated from Gulu.
 CFR **àà**
aa [áà] *verb*
 (used in the non-past tense; future); 1 to originate or come from
 2 to start or commence from. *áá kǐ káány* It will start from here
 CFR **àà**
abaa [àbáà] *noun*
 endearment term for father; daddy
ababa [àbàbà] *noun*
 stupid, foolish, mad
abam [àbáám] *noun*
 platform, dais
abanga [àbángáà] *noun*
 leftover food the following morning
abanga banga [àbángá bángá] *noun*
 an edible creeping plant of the bean family
abelu [àbèlú] *noun*
 of unstable mind, mentally disturbed
abembem [àbémbèèm] *noun*
 very important persons; dignitaries

abii [àbíí] *noun*
 grass, preferred for house thatching; elephant grass
abic [àbìíc] *numeral*
 five
abice [àbìcèèl] *numeral*
 six
abila [àbìlǎà] *noun*
 ancestral shrine
abili [àbìlǐ] *noun*
 police
 ALSO **pòlǐc**
abiling [àbílíng] *noun*
 a grasshopper species
 ALSO **àbúlíng**
abino [àbínó] *noun*
 a small narrow necked pot used for storing beer
abiro [àbíró] *numeral*
 seven
 ALSO **àbíróò**
abim [àbíím] *noun*
 nightjar
aboce [àbòcé] *noun*
 of wild yam family usually eaten during famine
abok [àbòók] *noun*
 1 pain usually associated with women in labour
 2 rheumatism
abongwen [àbòòngwéén] *noun*
 the number nine
abor [àbòr] *noun*
 lung
abor [àbòór] *noun*
 adultery
aboro [àbòró] *numeral*
 the number eight
abuc [àbúú] *adverb*

a thing hanging or placed precariously
abuling [àbúlíng] *noun*
 grasshopper species
 ALSO **àbílíng**
abuma [àbúmmá] *noun*
 swindle, con
abur [àbúúr] *noun*
 reedbuck, eland
aburu [àbúúrú] *noun*
 cold, influenza
 ALSO **àbúró**
abutida [àbùtìdà] *noun*
 catapult
abwoc [àbwòòc] *noun*
 arrogance, pride
abwoga [àbwógóà] *noun*
 1 miscarriage
 2 premature birth
abwol [àbwóól] *noun*
 traditional bracelet, bangle usually made from ivory or brass
abwora [àbwórá] *adjective*
 around evening
abwori [àbwóórì] *noun*
 eland
abyero [àbyèrò] *noun*
 placenta
 ALSO **byèrò**
acac [ácác] *interjection*
 an exclamation expressing disgust or sudden sharp pain
acac [ácác] *adjective*
 of or related to disparaging remarks
acam [àcààm] *adjective*
 of or related to the left; left hand

cíng àcàm the left hand
 ALSO **làcàm**
 CFR **làcùùc**
acany [àcány] *noun*
 ulcer of the skin found usually on the hand or feet
acari [àcárí] *noun*
 a sweet sorghum species usually eaten fresh
acebe [àcèbé] *noun*
 bird species, black stork
aceker [àcékēēr] *noun*
 uniformed officer; police (officer), soldier
 CFR **pòlǐc**, **àbìlǐ**
 ARA *ashaker*
acel [àcèèl] *numeral*
 one
acikari [àcìkàrí] *noun*
 soldier
 SWA *askari*
acil [àcìil] *adjective*
 small and thin
acoma [àcòmā] *noun*
 loin cloth worn by women in the past
 CFR **làyàmò**
acula [àcùlǎ] *noun*
 island
 ALSO **cùlǎ**
acunget [àcùngéèt] *noun*
 a young female wildebeest
acura [àcùrá] *adverb*
 to speak frankly, plainly
acuru [àcùrú] *adjective*
 pointed end
acut [àcùt] *noun*
 vulture
acwak [àcwák] *noun*
 poles for holding nets

acwer [àcwéér] *noun*
 pegs for hanging drums

acwi [àcwíí] *noun*
 an insect which sucks bean
 or cow peas nectar

acwiny [àcwííny] *noun*
 liver

ALSO **àcúúny**

ada [àdáá] *adjective*
 true

adada [àdádāā] *adverb*
 1 truly
 2 really

adada [àdádā] *noun*
 an insect species that bur-
 rows in sand making con-
 ical holes

adagi [àdāgī] *noun*
 buttocks

adam [àdāám] *noun* brain

adanya [àdānyā] *noun*
 not good at any job— a
 bungler

adek [àdēèk] *numeral*
 three

adet [àdèèt] *adjective*
 fresh wound

adi [àdīí] *adverb*
 1 how many
 2 how much
 ìwíllò àdīí? how many / much
 did you buy?

adibu [àdībú] *adverb*
 done secretly, underhand

ading [àdííng] *noun*
 strainer used especially for
 local beer

ALSO **làdííng**

ading [àdìng] *noun*

electric fish

ALSO **àdìngá**

adinga [àdìngá] *noun*
 electric fish

ALSO **àdìng**

adita [àdítá] *noun*
 a small basket made from
 palm tree leaves

aditi [àdítī] *noun*
 a small bird species which
 nests in shrubs

adola [àdólā] *noun*
 ulcer of the leg

adong [àdōōng] *noun*
 (of a scar) to redden and
 or swell because of likely
 infection

adongi [àdōōngī] *noun*
 Meningitis, possibly cere-
 bral

aduc [àdúúç] *noun*
 a small hut

aduku [àdúkú] *noun*
 a basket made from the leaves
 of palm trees

adul [àdúúl] *noun*
 tree stump

aduno [àdúnòò] *noun*
 part of the body especially
 the heart, associated with
 feelings and emotions

aduno [àdúnòò] *adjective*
 a plump person

adungu [àdúngú] *noun*
 1 a stringed musical instru-
 ment in the tradition of the
 harp
 2 a bow shaped stringed
 musical instrument usu-
 ally played by women only

adwal [àdwààl] *noun*
 a young female antelope

adwi [àdwíí] *noun*
 an outlaw, a fugitive, a ter-
 rorist

ALSO **àdúù**

adwoka [àdwókā] *noun*
 milk from a cow that has
 just calved, usually yellow-
 ish

adwoga [àdwògá] *noun*
 yellowish

adwogi [àdwóggí] *noun*
 effect, consequence, result
 of an action; end result
 àdwóggí né tòdò the end re-
 sult is death

CFR **dwògò**

adwongo [àdwòngó] *adjec-
 tive*
 a large basket

adyel adyel [àdyéél àdyéél]
noun
 a bird species

agaba [àgábá] *noun*
 a climbing plant

agak [àgààk] *noun*
 a bird species; crow

agara [àgàrá] *noun*
 a big spear with a wide
 blade

angara [ànggàrà] *noun*
 bony fish which is usually
 salt dried

agec [àgééc] *noun*
 backbiting, slander

agi [àgìì] *noun*
 gambling, betting

agiki [àgíkí] *noun*
 end, terminal, end point

agit [àgīt] *noun*
 ornamental ring

agobi [àgóbí] *noun*
 pain related to menstua-
 tion

agoga [àgògà] *noun*
 a bird species; nightjar

agong [àgóóng] *adverb*
 (of a door) left ajar

agoro [àgòrò] *noun*
 a winged termite species
 that comes out around 10pm

agulu [àgúlú] *noun*
 pot
 àgúlú pī water pot
 àgúlú dèèk cooking pot

aguragura [àgúrágúrà] *noun*
 horse

agwata [àgwátá] *noun*
 calabash
 àgwátá pī calabash for wa-
 ter

agwara [àgwará] *noun*
 a stone used for scrubbing
 feet

agwaya [àgwàýá] *noun*
 a slimy vegetable

agwe [àgwéé] *adjective*
 newly harvested millet

agwer [àgwéér] *noun*
 what is left over after the
 main harvest of millet or
 sorghum

aita [àítà] *noun*
 squirrel

ALSO **àyítà**

aja [àjàà] *noun*
 rattle usually made from
 a small guord

ajiya [àjǐyā] *noun*
boiled maize or beans

ajong [àjòŋg] *noun*
sauce without seasoning
ALSO **àkítà**, **àlót**, **àjóngá**

ajonga miya [àjóngá miyà] *noun*
a fly species that causes river blindness

ajot jot [àjòt jòt] *noun*
a big green grasshopper

aju [àjúú] *noun*
grass species used in traditional blessing rituals

aju [àjúú] *noun*
laziness, being lazy

ajua [àjüá] *noun*
tree species used in blessings

ajuc [àjúúc] *noun*
an old woman

ajut [àjúút] *noun*
tree stump

ajut [àjúút] *noun*
(of a person) stupid

ajwaka [àjwákā] *noun*
1 diviner, medicine man or woman
2 witch
3 talisman

ajwiya lee [àjwíyá léé] *noun*
a water point where animals congregate to drink

aka [akaa] *noun*
bengal cane

akaka [àkàà] *adverb*
(usually unpleasant thing)
done deliberately
ALSO **àkàkàà**

akany angó [àkáány àngóó] *noun*

a tiny insect species known for carrying huge loads

akarakara yoo [àkáràkàrà yòò] *noun*
junction

akaya [àkáyá] *noun*
stomach

akela [akela] *noun*
a fish species with a red tail fin

aker [àkéér] *noun*
a patch of field left unburnt for cultivation
ALSO **kéér**

akera [àkérá] *adverb*
(of a person) submissive

akero [àkéèrò] *noun*
a war dance usually after slaying an enemy or a beast
ALSO **wàyyò àkèrò**

akeyo [àkéyòò] *noun*
a slightly sour vegetable

akic [àkííc] *noun*
loin or sirloin

akili [àkílí] *adjective*
(of a knife) without the handle

akita [àkítá] *noun*
sauce without seasoning
ALSO **àlót**, **àjóngá**

akol [àkóól] *noun*
animal skin
ALSO **àkóól**

akuku [àkúkù] *noun*
dark sandy soil used in adorning the hair and female loin clothes

akul [àkúú] *noun*
pen or kraal
àkúúú dyèèl goat kraal

akumu [àkúmmū] *noun*
part of the brideprice which is off record

akura [àkùrà] *noun*
sheath

alemo [àlè mò] *noun*
fig tree

aloko [àlòkò] *noun*
hoe handle

alwoka [àlwókā] *noun*
property that the bride takes with her to her marital home

amacak [amacak] *noun*
a green snake species with a whitish underbelly

amal [àmál] *noun*
special offal usually eaten by elders in ritual sacrifices

amam [àmáàm] *noun*
pigeon, dove
ARA *hamam*

amida [àmídá] *noun*
a sorghum species whose seeds may be eaten as snacks roasted or raw

amina [àmíná] *noun*
a plant species whose leaves fold up on being touched
ALSO **àmìrá**

aming aming [àmíng àmíng] *noun*
a white termite species known for their odd hours of coming out — often late afternoon instead of after darkness

amo [àmóò] *noun*
a plant species whose leaves

may be used as medicine for scabies

amor [àmór] *noun*
tree species, used as scabies medicine

amor [àmòòr] *noun*
a natural sponge used for bathing; luffa

amoro [àmòrò] *noun*
suffering ALSO **àròmò**

amuka [àmúkā] *noun*
rhinoceros

amuli [àmúú] *noun*
(of a person) double dealer, traitor

amuri [àmúú] *noun*
duiker, dik dik
ALSO **àmúú**

amwoda [àmwóðā] *adverb*
equal, at the same time

an [án] *pronoun*
full form of first person singular pronoun; "I"
CFR the *prefix à*

anino [ánínò] *noun*
whip made usually from hippopotamus hide
ALSO **céré**

anok [ànóòk] *noun*
part of the main house reserved for animals

anuno [ànúnò] *noun*
a species of bitter tasting creeping plants used in house building as it is repellent to termites

anga [àngáà] *pronoun*
who
ALSO **ngà**
ménmò ànggàà? who is that?

angaci [àngáçĩ] *noun*
local beer (**kwètè**) that has not yet been strained

angaka [àngákà] *adjective*
(of grain, groundnut) coarsely grounded

angec [àngèc] *adverb*
still to come or to happen

angeca [àngécá] *noun*
a female slave
CFR **òpíí**

angeri [àngèrì] *noun*
black tiny monkey species

ango [àngòò] *pronoun*
what

angoli [àngólĩ] *noun*
a skin disease associated with domestic animals

angulangul [àngúlàngùl] *noun*
swelling of the glands due to infection

angwen [àngwèèn] *numeral*
four

anyaka [ànyáká] *noun*
girl
PLU **ànyìrà**

anyai [ànyáí] *noun*
wild animals, especially predators

anyanya [ànyànyà] *noun*
a type of poison

anyara [ànyará] *noun*
animal species, skunk

anyeda [ànyédáà] *adverb*
1 (of a thing) to pose delicately
2 (of a person) to handle especially utensils with finger tips as if they are dirty

anyeri [ànyéérì] *noun*
an edible tailless rodent; bush rat

anyim [ànyíím] *adverb*
ahead, still to come, still to happen

anying [ànyííng] *noun*
a spiral metal adornment strip worn by woman around the waste

anyira [ànyìrà] *noun*
girls
SGL **ànyáká**

anyira [ànyírá] *noun*
an animal species of the skunk family

anyogi [ànyóógù] *noun*
maize, corn
ALSO **ànywágù**

anyo [ànyóò] *noun*
measles

anyoba nyoba [ànyóbá nyóbà] *noun*
confusion

anywali [ànywáílì] *adjective*
native of; native to

anywar [ànywààr] *noun*
mockery, teasing

aona [áóná] *noun*
cough

aor [àòr] *noun*
a rack for storing firewood

apaca [àpàcá] *adverb*
(of a spear hurled) to only graze with no deep penetration

apar [àpáàr] *numeral*
the number ten

apata [àpátá] *adjective*
flat

ape [àpéé] *noun*
(an utterance made when a child sneezes) — bless you!

apededede [àpèdèdédé] *noun*
a big brown grasshopper resembling a locust
ALSO **làbáá**

apika [àpíkà] *noun*
tripe
ALSO **àpèkè**

apili [àpìlì] *noun*
appeal (ENG)

apili lyang [àpìlì lyàng] *noun*
a sauce made from sim-sim paste without anything else

apiti [àpítì] *noun*
harvest dance performed exclusively by women

apodo [àpòdò] *noun*
a bird of the crane family

apoka [àpóká] *noun*
tree bark

apoli [àpólì] *noun*
wildebeest

apong apong [àpòṅṅ pòṅṅ] *noun*
a greenish grasshopper with a foul smell
ALSO **òbááng cèèt**

apoya [àpòyá] *noun*
madness
lápòyá a mad person

apudu [àpúdù] *noun*
grass species of the elephant grass family

apuru [àpúrù] *noun*
teenagers

apuu [àpùù] *noun*
dust
ALSO **àpwàà**

apwa [àpwàà] *noun*
dust
ALSO **àpúlù**

apwoyo [àpwóyò] *noun*
rabbit, hare

apwoyo [àpwóyò] *noun*
thank you

arany [àrány] *adverb*
(of a talk or speech) lacking in political correctness or not sensitive enough
ALSO **àrányí**

arara [àrárá] *noun*
the spotted hyena

arege [àrégè] *noun*
locally distilled alcohol
ARA *araq*

aremu [àrémù] *noun*
a creeping plant whose roots are used as medicine against dysentery

ari [àríí] *adjective*
(of the eyes) lazy eyes, squint

ari [àrí] *interjection*
expresses surprise

aribe [àrìbè] *noun*
a bird species of the weaver-bird family

aribu [àrìbù] *noun*
winged termites which come out in the early hours of the morning just before dawn

arocile [àròcílè] *noun*
foot band used by the military to protect the shin

arododo [àròdòdò] *noun*
payment in services rather

than cash for a chief
 ALSO **lùwàlò**
aroma [àròmá] *noun*
 suffering, distress in the
 process of earning liveli-
 hood
aromo ki nguu [àrómò kí ngùù]
noun
 a thorny plant species
arony [àróny] *noun*
 abuse, impertinence
aruk dyang [àrúk dyáàng] *noun*
 hump especially of a cow
arum [àrùùm] *noun*
 hunting expedition in which
 a large area is surrounded
 and shielded off
arum [àrùùm] *noun*
 black bird species of the
 hornbill family
arwa [àrwà] *noun*
 part of the lean meat left
 after the fatty bit has melted
 off under heat
arwii [àrwíí] *noun*
 (of a person) acting in an
 unexpected ways
arwit [àrwít] *noun*
 tying a thing with knots
 ALSO **àrít**
aryeba [àryéébáà] *adverb*
 (of a thing) turned upside
 down or outside out
aryec [àryéécé] *noun*
 a hole for trapping animals
 ALSO **àryéc**
aryo [àrííyò] *numeral*
 the number two
ata [àtáà] *adjective*
 1 (of a person) behaving

or talking without social
 restraints or inhibitions or
 grasping the whole picture
 first
 2 (of a person) deemed not
 to be of much value or worth;
 mere
 3 indiscriminately
 ALSO **àtátàà**
atabo [àtábò] *noun*
 food bowl
ataca [àtácá] *adjective*
 (of a thing) being shallow
ataka [àtākà] *noun*
 beads as worn by women
atango cinga [àtángó cínà] *noun*
 a small bushy shrub
ataro [àtárò] *adverb*
 1 (of a thing) placed face
 up; upside down
 2 (of a person) lying on
 the back; face up
atego [àtéógò] *noun*
 the metal strip in bangles
 or bracelets
atego [atego] *noun*
 a strong tree species used
 in buildings and is termite
 repellent
atengga [àténngā] *adverb*
 (of a person in flight) to
 run far away
atero [àtèrò] *noun*
 arrow
ati [àtìí] *adverb*
 (of an event) preceding the
 rest
 òdò òtìì she was the first to
 arrive

atika [àtíká] *adverb*
 really, in truth
atiko [àtíkòò] *noun*
 a fly, of the bluebottle species
atina [àtíná] *noun*
 thriftiness, prudence
atir [àtíír] *adjective*
 1 straight, not bent or crooked
 2 (of a person) having good
 qualities, honest, reliable.
atubu [àtùbù] *noun*
 dragonfly
 ALSO **làtùbùtùbù**
atudu [àtùdù] *noun*
 duck
atum [àtùùm] *noun*
 bow
atunya [àtùnyà] *noun*
 lion
 ALSO **làbwòr**
ature [àtùré] *noun*
 flowers
aturun [àtùrùùn] *noun*
 sodium bicarbonate
atuto [àtùtò] *noun*
 a percolating utensil for lo-
 cal sodium bicarbonate
atuya [àtúyàà] *noun*
 an edible rodent
atyer [àtyéér] *adverb*
 (done or said) openly, frankly,
 publicly
aula [àùlà] *noun*
 an ornament worn around
 the arm made from giraffe
 or zebra tail during tradi-
 tional dancing
 ALSO **àwùlà**
awak [àwààk] *noun*
 communal digging after which

the participants are treated
 to a feast of drinks and food
 rather than being paid in
 cash
awal [àwààl] *noun*
 bowl, usually from calabash
awang mac [àwáàng mààc] *noun*
 swelling of the glands fol-
 lowing infection
awar [àwààr] *noun*
 reclaiming of the brideprice
 after divorce
awar baad [àwáár bààd] *noun*
 part of the sacrificial meat
 set aside for elders to con-
 sume, before the main meal
awara [àwárá] *noun*
 a portion of
 àwàrà kífc honeycomb
 àwàrà tǎà dried tobacco leaves
awene [àwèné] *adverb*
 when
 òwàccò òwèné? when did
 he say it?
aweno [àwénòò] *noun*
 guinea fowl
awiny awiny [àwíny àwíny]
noun
 a grasshopper species
awira [àwírà] *noun*
 tobacco, usually unprocessed
awira wira [àwírà wírà] *noun*
 a children's game where
 they twirl until they are
 dizzy
awobe [àwòbè] *noun*
 boys
 SGL **àwòbì**
awobi [àwòbì] *noun*

boy

PLU **àwòbè**

awola [àwólá] *noun*
poison

awuka [àwùkà] *noun*
the stomach of an animal
ALSO **àpìkà**

awula [àwùlà] *noun*
an arm band used in dancing
ALSO **àùlà**

ayal [àyáàl] *noun*
part of the brideprice given to the people who accompany a bride to her home before they can take food in the new family

ayela [àyéllà] *noun*
problems, troubles

ayila [àyíllà] *noun*
itching of the skin

ayo [àyòò] *adjective*
(of land) fertile

ayo [àyòò] *noun*
a baboon species

ayol [àyóól] *adverb*
loosely tied

ayom [àyóòm] *noun*
a monkey species

ayulu [àyùlù] *noun*
a partridge species

aywaac [àywáác] *noun*
ritual cleansing of the self

ayweri [àywéř] *noun*
partridge

aywica [àywìcā] *noun*
berry species

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ba [bá] *adverb*
used to plead, implore, emphasise a point. *wǝny bá* do listen, please!

ba [báá] *adverb*
1 ready
2 the whole lot; all, everything. *àcámò báá* I ate the whole lot

baa [bàā] *verb*
(to) throw away; discard.
bàā wókō throw it away

baa [báā] *noun*
pub, bar (ENG)

bab [bàāb] *verb*
1 (of a ball etc) to deflate or collapse
2 to lose original shape; deform

bab [bàāb] *verb*
(to) become foolish, cause to become foolish

bac [báác] *noun*
throwing away; discarding

bac [báác] *noun*
bus (ENG)

bad [bàād] *noun*
1 (human) arm
2 (animal) shoulder

bai [bài] *adverb*
staring blankly

bak [bàāk] *verb*
(to) stab

bak [bàāk] *verb*
1 to make potato heaps
2 to gather, collect in a heap

bak [bàāk] *verb*
1 to plead for mercy
2 entreat. *bàkkò dóóg* pleading for mercy
bàkkò pleading for mercy, entreating

bak [bàāk] *verb*
(to) knead flour mixed with yeast for baking or making beer

bakacic [bàkàcìc] *noun*
commission or reward for a well done job
SWA *bakshish*

bako [bàkkò] *verb*
1 making potato heaps
2 pleading

bako [bàkkò] *noun*
pleading, entreating

bako [bàkkò] *noun*
making potato heaps

bal [báál] *noun*
1 error, mistake
2 sin
3 transgression

bal [bàāl] *verb*
1 (to) destroy, spoil, ruin
bàllò lèòk saying inappropriate things (and ruining everything)
2 (to) waste
3 (of a thing) to go bad
cààk òbàllé wòkō the milk has gone bad
bàllò cáám wasting food
bàllò lìm squandering wealth
cààk bállèè milk can go bad
bállèè can go bad
bàllò ruining, spoiling, squandering, wasting

balangiti [bàlànggítì] *noun*
blanket
SWA *balangiti*

balaturu [bàlätürù] *noun*
an animal which feigns death on sensing danger by closing its eyes

balibali [bàlibàlì] *noun*
a barbed arrow

balò [bàllò] *verb*
ruining, spoiling

bam [bààm] *noun*
pelvis

bam [bààm] *verb*
(to) chew lightly without the teeth grinding

bam [bààm] *adjective*
blunt

bam [bààm] *verb*
add to
bàmmèè can be added to
bàmmò adding to

bamo [bàmmò] *noun*
adding to

ban [bàān] *verb*
(to) fold
bànnò folding up

bano [bànnò] *noun*
folding up

bani [bààni] *noun*
a shield made from usually buffalo hide

bang [bàāng] *verb*
1 (of potato, polenta, etc) to eat without sauce
2 (DER) to eat. *bàāng làyátà* *nì* eat this potatoes (without sauce)

bánngèè can be eaten without sauce
bànnò eating without sauce
bangili [bànggìlì] *noun*
bracelet
bango [bànggò] *noun*
gorging
bany [bàány] *verb*
to peel
bánnnyèè can be peeled
bànnnyò peeling
banya [bányá] *verb*
debt
banyo [bànnnyò] *verb*
1 peeling
2 (of hair etc) parting, separating
3 (of sweat) mopping
bànnnyò wìic parting the hair
bànnnyò kwòòk wiping off sweat
banyo [bànnnyò] *noun*
wiping off sweat
banyo [bànnnyò] *noun*
peeling
bao [bád] *noun*
timber, plank, board
SWA *bao*
bap [bááp] *noun* target
bap [bàáp] *verb*
(to) slap
báppèè can be slapped
bàppò slapping, smacking
bapo [bàppò] *noun*
smacking, slapping
bar [bààr] *noun*
arena, field
bar [bàār] *verb*
1 (of firewood etc) to split
2 (to) divide

bàrréè can be split, separated
bàrrò separating, splitting, dividing
baraja [bàrájà] *noun*
1 verandah
2 Monday (ENG)
baro [bàrrò] *verb*
splitting open, cutting open, dividing
bàrrò wìic headache
baru [bàrú] *noun*
bullet shell left after firing
baru [bàrú] *noun*
a children's game
bat [bààt] *noun*
arm
batania [bàtányà] *noun*
blanket
ARA *batnia*
bayo [bàyyò] *verb*
throwing, casting away
bebo [bèbbò] *verb*
twisting mouth when crying
bebo [bèbbò] *verb*
carrying
bèbbò làtín carrying a child
bèbbò yéec carrying a load
becen [bécèen] *noun*
(container) basin (ENG)
beco [bècò] *adjective*
good, beautiful
SGL **bèèr**
bed [bèèd] *verb*
1 to sit
2 to be
3 to stay, live
bèèd píny sit down
bèèd káány sit here; stay here

bèddò staying, living; being; sitting
bedo [bèddò] *verb*
1 sitting
2 living
3 being
bega [béga] *noun*
a detective, an investigator
SWA *bega*
bei [béi] *noun*
cost, price
SWA **beyi**
bek [bèek] *verb*
(to) pick, peck
békkèè can be pecked, picked
bèkkò pecking
beko [bèkkò] *verb*
to roam, wander
beko [bèkkò] *noun*
pecking
bel [béél] *noun*
grain, cereals
béél wínyò a wild plant
whose seeds are eaten by children and birds
belle [bèllèè] *verb*
moving up and down in anger; bobbling
bem [bèem] *adjective*
charm
làbèem dánòd a charmer
bendera [bèndèrà] *noun*
flag. **illò bèndèrà** hoisting flag
bene [bènè] *adverb*
also, too, as well. **én bènè òmèrà** he too is my brother
benge [bèngéé] *noun*
bank

ber [bèèr] *adjective*
1 good, nice, beautiful
2 of good behaviour; well behaved. **kítte bèèr** she is well mannered
PLU **bècò**
bero [bèrrò] *verb*
speaking too much
beyo [bèyò] *verb*
a tree used for making chairs and other furniture
-bi [-bi] *prefix*
marker of the non-past (future) for emphasis
bínnò díkíí will come tomorrow
òbìbínnò díkíí she will come tomorrow
bi [bí] *verb*
1 to press, squeeze, compress in order to get juice out of
2 to strain by compression
bí lèmuún squeeze lemon to obtain juice
bí kòngò strain beer
bic [bíic] *adverb*
full to the brim
bicu [bícu] *noun*
cave, den
bic [bíic] *noun*
1 compression
2 straining
3 squeezing
bil [bíil] *verb*
(to) taste
bíllèè can be tasted
bíllò tasting
bil [bíil] *verb*
(to) wet, soak, drench

bíllèè can be soaked, made wet, drenched
bìllò soaking, drenching, wetting
bila [bilà] *noun*
 a small wind musical instrument made from animal horns
bilò [bìllò] *verb*
 taming, charming
bilò [bìlò] *noun*
 charcoal
 ALSO *màkáár*
bilò [bìllò] *noun*
 soaking, drenching
bim [bíím] *noun*
 baboon
bin [bíín] *verb*
 (to) come
bíín káány come here
bínnò the coming
bínnò nē pē ngéénṇē her coming is not for sure
binika [bìníkà] *noun*
 teapot, kettle
 ARA *binika*
binjali [bìnjálì] *noun*
 curry powder
 SWA *binzari*
binyo [bìnnýò] *noun*
 1 twisting, curling, weaving
 2 wringing clothes
bir [bíir] *verb*
 (to) sprout, germinate *káál òbíir woko* the millet is sprouting
bírrò germinating
bir [bíir] *verb*
 (to) fill the pot to brim

bit [bíit] *adjective*
 1 (of a thing) pointed, sharp
 2 (of a person) having a sharp tongue
 3 having sharp eyes
 4 a sharp marksman
lébé bíit she has a sharp tongue
pàlà mábíit a sharp knife
bit [bíit] *verb*
 to entice, lure, trap
bíit kī púul entice it with groundnuts
bíttèè can be enticed
bíttò enticing
bit [bíit] *verb*
 (of groundnuts) to unshell
bíttèè can be unshelled
bíit unshelling
bító [bittò] *noun*
 unshelling
biyo [bíyyò] *verb*
 squeezing, pressing
boc [bòc] *noun*
 wrapping, packaging
boco [bòccò] *adjective*
 long, tall
 SGL **bòèr**
bod [bòèd] *verb*
 (to) mislead, lead astray
bòddèè can be distracted, enticed
bòddò distracting or drawing
bodo [bòddò] *noun*
 distracting, drawing
bodaboda [bòdà bódà] *noun*
 motorcycles or similar means of transport
bok [bòc] *verb*
 to become brown, redden

bòkkèè can be made brown
bòkkò browning
bok [bòc] *verb*
 (to) narrate, tell, converse
bòkkèè can be narrated
bòkkò narrating
boko [bòkkò] *verb*
 (to) boil maize, groundnuts, cassava etc.
bol [bòl] *noun*
 1 shaft of spear
 2 hoe handle
bol [bòl] *verb*
 1 (to) throw
 2 (to) cast a laughter
bòllò nyérròò casting a laughter
bóllèè can be thrown
bòllè throw it to him
bòllò the act of throwing
bolo [bólò] *noun*
 a temporary shelter
bolo bolo [bòlò bòlò] *adverb*
 1 tied loosely
 2 softly ripened
boma [bòmə] *noun*
 town
bomo [bòmò] *noun*
 a headband worn usually when twins die
boni [bònò] *noun*
 a tree species with a toxic sap
bónò wìic receding hair
bong [bòng] *noun*
 beehive
bòng kífic bee hive
bong [bòng] *verb*
 1 pass the hand over and feel; caress

2 touch
bòng nyímèè feel his face (with your hands)
bónngèè can be felt, touched
bónngò passing the hand over and feeling, touching
bong [bòng] *adverb*
 not
bòng ánggèè I did not know
bongo [bòngò] *verb*
 clothes, clothing
boo [bòò] *adverb*
 used in question to ascertain. *íkèllò bòò?* have you brought it?
boo [bòò] *noun*
 cowpea leaves; the leaves as vegetable
boo [bòò] *verb*
 (to) wrap
bòò kī kàràtáac wrap in a paper
bor [bòèr] *adjective*
 1 long, tall
 2 far
 PLU **bòcò**
boro [bòrò] *noun*
 cave
boro [bòrrò] *noun*
 (to) praise
bòrrò kī wéèr praising with songs
bot [bòt] *preposition*
 1 to, from, for
 2 with
tèèr bótòt òmínnèè take it to the brother
bot [bòt] *noun*
 freshly cultivated land

bot [bòt] *adjective*
(of food) tasteless, with not enough salt or seasoning

bot [bòt] *verb*
(of food) to scoop and lap usually with the hands
bóttèè can be lapped
bòttò lapping

boto [bòttò] *verb*
lapping of food with the hands

boto [bòttò] *verb*
(of hens) to peck usually fresh leaves

boyi [bòyì] *noun*
houseboy ENG

boyo [bòyyò] *verb*
wrapping

buc [bùuc] *verb*
slipping away from the hands, loose a thing
òbùuc kí ícíná it slipped off my hands
búccèè can slip away

buc [bùuc] *verb*
(of fowls) to pluck feathers; groom the self; preen
bùccò plucking the feathers or hair (from animals)

buc [búuc] *noun*
prison
ARA *maboush*

buco [bùccò] *noun*
plucking feathers

buk [bùk] *verb*
to blow, fan fire
bùkkò blowing, fanning fire

buk [bùk] *verb*
book (ENG)

buke [bùkké] *verb*
(of fowls) grooming themselves usually in sand

buko [bùkkò] *verb*
ritual whirling of a sacrificial hen

buko [bùkkò] *verb*
smoking out an animal

buko [bùkkò] *noun*
fanning fire

bul [bùl] *noun*
drum

bul [bùl] *verb*
roast, grill
bùllèè can be grilled, roasted, broiled
bùllò grilling, broiling

bulu [bùlú] *noun*
youth (male)

bulu bulu [bùlù bùlù] *adverb*
lukewarm, tepid

bum [bùum] *verb*
(to) swindle

bum [búum] *noun*
swindling, conning
búmmá swindling
búmmèè can be swindled
bùmmò swindling

bumo [bùmmò] *noun*
swindling

bun [bùun] *noun*
coffee
ARA *buun*
ALSO *òméén*

bunga [búngá] *noun*
forest

bungo [búngó] *noun*
a temporary shelter

buny [bùuny] *verb*

(to) smile
búunnyòò smiling

bunyo [bùnyò] *noun*
smiling

bur [bùur] *verb*
threaten, intimidate
búrrà intimidation, threats
búrrèè can be intimidated, threatened
bùrrò intimidating, threatening

bur [bùur] *noun*
wound
bùur àdólá ulcer of the leg

bur [bùur] *noun*
hole, pit
bùur còròon pit latrine

bura [búrá] *noun*
intimidation, threats

bura [bùràà] *noun*
cat
ALSO **púuc**

bure [búré] *noun*
an antelope species

buruji [bùrújì] *noun*
trumpet, bugle
SWA *buruzi*

buro [bùrrò] *noun*
threatening, intimidating

buru [bùrú] *noun*
ash

buryanga [bùryàngá] *noun*
a cow species with long horns

but [bùut] *verb*
1 (of a thing) to slip off the hands, escape
2 (of a person, prisoner, animal) to slip, escape

3 narrowly escape being punished, harmed etc.

but [bùut] *noun*
side, flank
bùut kitándà side of the bed

but [bùut] *verb*
(to) lie down
bùut káány lie down here
bùttò 1 lying down 2 lying down to rest, sleep
cùt kà bùttò go and lie down to sleep

but [bùut] *noun*
boots (ENG)

buto [bùttò] *noun*
1 sleeping
2 lying (down)

buyu [bùyyù] *adverb*
(of a predator) narrowly miss pouncing a prey

bwac [bwàac] *verb*
(to) graze the skin

bwami [bwámmfì] *noun*
swindling, corruption

bwaro [bwàrrò] *verb*
talking nonsense

bwo [bwòò] *verb*
1 (to) win
2 (to) defeat, overcome
ALSO **lòò**, **lòò**

bwòyyò defeating

bwoc [bwóóc] *noun*
winning, defeating, overcoming

bwoc [bwòòc] *adjective*
difficult, failure

bwog [bwóóg] *noun*
miscarriage
bwóggèè can be aborted
bwòggò miscarrying

bwogo [bwògò] *noun*
butter still to be processed

bwogo [bwòggò] *noun*
miscarrying

bwol [bwòól] *verb*
1 (to) deceive
2 (to) tell lies

bwóllá deception, lying
bwòlléè self deception
bwóllèè can be deceived
bwòllè deceive him
bwòllò deceiving

bwolo [bwòllò] *noun*
deceiving

bwola [bwóllá] *noun*
deception

bwola [bwóllá] *noun*
a royal dance performed usually during enthralling of, funeral of or entertainment of a chief

bwom [bwòòm] *noun*
wing

bwon [bwòòn] *verb*
(to) deride a thing being offered as not enough
bwònnò overlooking a gift as inadequate

bwon [bwóón] *noun*
deriding a thing, believing that it is not enough
bwònnò a feeling that a thing being offered is not enough

bwong [bwòòng] *adjective*
young
bwóóng dyaàng a heifer

bwot [bwòòt] *verb*
1 (to) escape
2 (to) survive

3 (to) escape narrowly with one's life

bwot [bwòòt] *verb*
1(to) desist from pursuing an issue further; leave it alone
2 to leave behind
bwóttèè can be left alone, behind

bwoto [bwòttò] *noun*
1 desisting from pursuing a course of action
2 leaving behind, giving up on

bwoto [bwòtó] *noun*
a person skilled in a job

bwoyo [bwòyyò] *verb*
defeating, overcoming

bwoyo [bwòyyò] *noun* foam, froth, bubble

bwum [bwúúm] *noun*
swindling, cheating
bwúmmòò swindling, cheating

bye [byèè] *noun*
1 termite
2 anthill

byel [byèēl] *verb*
(to) straddle a baby on the back
byéllèè can be carried on the back
byèllò the act of carrying a baby on the back

byelo [byèllò] *noun*
carrying (a child) on the back

byen wang [byèen wààng] *noun*
eyebrow, eyelid

byeny [byèeny] *adverb*
(of an arrow) narrowly miss the target

byero [byèrò] *noun*
afterbirth, placenta

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ca [càà] *adverb*
over there; there
én cáá! there she is!
ALSO **cáá**

caa [càà] *noun*
1 hour, time, period
2 watch, clock
ALSO **cáwà**

caa [càà] *verb*
(to) despise, look down upon
péé ícáá dánòò do not despise people

caar [cààr] *adjective*
1 (of a person) careless, clumsy
2 (of morality) loose
nyákó mǎ cáár a loose girl
cárròò being of or having a loose character
ALSO **cáár**

caar [cààr] *verb*
1 (to) shine a light on to the eye etc
2 (to) dazzle
càrrò shining light on the eyes

caat [cààt] *noun*
1 trading
2 business

caat [cààt] *verb*
1 (to) sell, trade

2 (to) do business
cáttèè can be sold, traded
càttò trading, selling

caaro [càrrò] *verb*
shining a light in the eyes; dazzling

cab [cááb] *noun*
defamation, humiliation
làcàāb nyííng one who speaks ill of a person

cabe [càbbèè] *verb*
of reputation to suffer

cabit [càbîit] *noun*
1 week
2 Sunday
càbíit àcèèl one week
cèèng càbíit Sunday

cabo [càbbò] *noun*
ruining one's name

cabun [càbúùn] *noun* soap
SWA *sabuni*

cac [cáác] *noun*
1 disdain
2 despising

cac [cáác] *adverb*
lift swiftly with ease

cace [càccèè] *verb*
to struggle to make end meet

caco [càccò] *noun*
grinding
càccò púúìl grinding ground-nuts

cadatt [càdáát] *noun*
bathing shelter

caden [càdèén] *noun*
witness

cado [càddòò] *verb*
having a running stomach

cado [càddò] *noun*
diarrhoea, dysentery

cai [cái] *noun*
1 tea
2 bribery
SWA *chai*

cak [cààk] *noun*
milk

cak [càāk] *verb*
start, commence
cákkēè can be started; starts
from, on
càkkēè the beginning
càkkò starting, commencing

caka [cákkàà] *noun*
chatting

cako [càkkò] *verb*
1 starting
2 being baptised
càkkò nyíng being baptised
càkkò kwáán start going to school

cal [cáál] *noun*
1 picture, photograph
2 drawing, illustration

cal [cáál] *adjective, noun*
1 alike
2 resemblance
3 likeness

calo [cállòò] *conjunction*
1 like
2 as, as if
ínèñen cállò lək̀wòò you look like a thief

cam [cáám] *noun*
food

cam [càām] *verb*
(to) eat
càmmò dēñen getting into debt

cámmēè can be eaten

càmmò 1 eating 2 getting into debt

camo [càmmò] *noun*
eating

can [càān] *verb*
(to) pile, heap

can [cáán] *noun*
(food) plate
ARA *sahaan*

can [cààn] *noun*
poverty

can [cààn] *verb*
(to) disturb, trouble
péjé ícáān dānòò do not disturb people

canduk [càndúúk] *noun*
box, suitcase
SWA *sanduki*

cane [cànnēē] *verb*
(to) struggle to make ends meet.

cano [cànnò] *verb*
heaping, piling

cano [cànnò] *verb*
disturbing, troubling

cang [càāng] *verb*
(to) heal
cànnngò healing

cany [càāny] *adverb*
(of hair) plenty

cany [càāny] *verb*
(to) hit with a stone

cànnnyò hitting

caran [càrààn] *noun*
sewing machine
SWA *carani*

caro [càrò] *noun*
rural area

carolok [càròlòók] *noun*
words of wisdom; parable, proverb

cati [cátì] *noun*
shirt (ENG)

cato [càttò] *verb*
staggering

cayo [càyyò] *verb*
1 despising
2 underestimating

ce [cè] *conjunction*
(used in questions) won't..., don't...etc.
pé ímíttò cè? So, don't you want it?
ALSO **cè ká, ká cè**

cec [cèēc] *noun*
snatching

cedo [cèddò] *verb*
roasting especially of ground-nuts, meat

cee [cèē] *verb*
(to) swoop and snatch

ceer [cèēr] *verb*
(to) slip

ceer [cèēr] *verb*
(to) rise from death

ceer [cèēr] *verb*
1 (to) row
2 (of grain) spread out to dry

ceg [cèēg] *verb*
(to) close door, box etc.
cèggēē can be closed
cèggò closing, shutting

cego [cègò] *adjective*
short
SGL **cèèk**

cek [cèèk] *adjective*

short
PLU **cèègò**

cek [cèèk] *verb*
1 (of fruits) to ripen
2 (of food) to cook
3 (of beer) to complete fermentation
4 (of grain) be ready for harvest

ceko [cèkkò] *verb*
producing simsim

cel [cèèl] *noun*
fence

cel [cèèl] *verb*
(to) fry
cèllēē can be fried
cèllò frying

cel [cèèl] *noun*
(to) fence, enclose
cèllēē can be fenced
cèllò fencing

cel [cèèl] *noun*
a net for hanging utensils from the roof

cel [cèèl] *verb*
1 (to) shoot
2 (to) hit with stones; throw stones at
cèllēē throwing stones at each other; shooting at each other
cèllēē can be stoned, shot at
cèllò stoning, shooting

celo [cèllò] *noun*
bird species, a sparrow

celo [cèllò] *noun*
1 frying
2 fencing, enclosing

celo [cèlò] *noun*
 1 pelting, hurling stones
 at, stoning
 2 shooting
cen [cèɛn] *adverb*
 still to come, behind
cen [cèɛn] *noun*
 spirits, often vengeful one
 of the dead
cen [cèɛn] *verb*
 (to) curse, put a spell on
cènnò cursing, casting a
 spell on
cente [cèntè] *noun*
 money
ceno [cèno] *noun*
 loin cloth (of women)
ceng [cèɛng] *noun*
 1 sun
 2 day of the week
 3 day time
cèɛng càbíít Sunday
dyèè cèɛng during the day
ceng [cèɛng] *adverb*
 in the past
cer [cèɛr] *verb*
 (to) insist on doing a thing
cèrrò lèòk insisting on an
 issue
cèrrèè insisting upon do-
 ing a thing
cèrrè she is insisting upon
cere [cére] *noun*
 whip made usually from
 hippopotamus hide
 ALSO **àníno**
cere [cére] *noun*
 a steep piece of land up-
 wards, hill

cere [cèrrèè] *verb*
 (to) insist on doing a thing
 one is not capable of, or
 not wanted to do
cèrrò insistence
cero [cèrrò] *verb*
 1 drive animal by hunters
 2 to insist
ceyo [cèyyò] *verb*
 snatching.
ci [cí] *conjunction*
 but, then
ci [cí] *noun*
 wife of
cí wóddā my son's wife; daugh-
 ter in law
cib [cìb] *verb*
 (to) gently and carefully
 place, put a thing in a place
cíbbèè can be gently placed,
 put in place
cíbbò placing a thing gen-
 tly in a place
cid [cìd] *verb*
 1 (to) blacken
 2 (to) make a thing dirty
cid [cìd] *verb*
 (to) clean or polish the grind-
 ing stone
cìd wìi kìddì clean the grind-
 ing stone
cida [cida] *noun*
 bed made from from Y-shaped
 poles dug into the ground
 as the legs
cik [cìk] *verb*
 (to) instruct
cíkkèè can be instructed
cíkkè instruct her

cíkkèè instructing each other
cíkkò instructing
cik [cìk] *verb*
 (to) lay traps
cíkkèè can be trapped
cíkkò laying traps
cik [cìk] *noun*
 1 law, rules, regulations
 2 the Commandment
 CFR **óór**
ciko [cìkkò] *noun*
 1 instructing 2 laying traps
cil [cìl] *adjective*
 clean
 ALSO **lèɛng**
cilo [cìlò] *adjective*
 dirt
cim [cìm] *verb*
 (to) point to; point at; point
 out
címmèè can be pointed out,
 at, to
címmè point her out, point
 at her
címmò pointing at, to, out
cim [cìm] *noun*
 telephone SWA **simu**
cimo [címmò] *noun*
 pointing to; pointing out
cin [cín] *noun*
 1 intestine
 2 tripe
cing [cín] *noun*
 hand
cir [cìr] *verb*
 (to) endure, tolerate
círrèè can be endured
círrò enduring, putting up
 with

ciro [cìrrò] *noun*
 enduring
cirikali [cìrìkálì] *noun*
 soldier
 SWA **shrikali**
cit [cìt] *verb*
 (to) go
cíttò going
cito [cìttò] *noun*
 going
citam [cìtám] *noun*
 stamp (ENG)
citacen [cìtècèn] *noun*
 station (police, train etc)
 (ENG)
cito [cìttò] *verb*
 putting up with, enduring
cíttò cààn enduring poverty
cito [cìttò] *verb*
 going
cob [còòb] *verb*
 spear, pierce
cóbbèè can be speared, stabbed
cóbbè stab him
cóbbò stabbing
cob [còòb] *verb*
 (to) finish, complete
cóbbèè can be completed
cóbbò completing
cobo [còbò] *noun*
 piercing, stabbing
cobo [còbbò] *noun*
 completing
coc [cóóc] *noun*
 1 writing
 2 sowing
cod [còòd] *verb*
 (to) break, snap
còddò breaking off, snap-
 ping

codo [còddò] *noun*
snapping, breaking off

coga [cògá] *noun*
castor oil tree. seed

cogi [còggí] *adjective*
(a bunch of) big, huge things

cogo [cògò] *noun*
bone

cogo [cògò] *noun*
last born
CFR káyòdò

cok [còòk] *verb*
(to) collect, gather

cok [còòk] *adjective*
near

cok [còòk] *adverb*
in the near future, soon

cok [còòk] *verb*
(of rain) to cease

cokci [còkci] *noun*
socks (ENG)

coke [còkkèè] *verb*
coming together; gathering, assembling, collecting

coko [còkkò] *verb*
bringing together; collecting, gathering, assembling

coko [còkkò] *verb*
connecting poles together

coke [còól] *adjective*
1 black
2 dark
3 dirty
cwínnyé cóól he is evil hearted

col [còól] *verb*
assist a woman giving birth

cola [còlá] *noun*
state of mourning

com [còòm] *verb*
(to) fix a hoe handle

còmmò fixing a hoe handle

com [còòm] *verb*
(to) converge upon a person

còmmò converging upon a person

coom [còòm] *verb*
(to) pour

comoro [còmòrò] *noun*
a tree whose leaves can be used as sandpaper

con [còòn] *adverb*
1 in the past
2 early
òdìkò còòn early in the morning

cong [còòng] *noun*
knee
cònnḡa my knees

conglum [còònglùùm] *noun*
grass stalk

cony [còòny] *verb*
make a hole in polenta

conya [cònyà] *noun*
abuse

coo [còò] *verb*
(to) write

coo [còò] *verb*
(to) sow

coo [còò] *noun*
1 men
2 husbands
SGL làcòò

coo [còò] *verb*
1 (to) wake up
2 (to) rise

coo [còò] *adjective*
(of smell) pungent, foul

coo [còò] *noun*
guinea worm

coo [còò] *noun*
porcupine

coo [còò] *noun*
boundary

coor [còòr] *verb*
(to) push

coro [còrò] *noun*
a board game, which may be dug on the ground, having rows and columns

coro [còrrò] *verb*
pushing

coro [còrrò] *verb*
wasting money

cot [còót] *noun* making love

cot [còòt] *verb*
(to) snap, break

cot [còót] *verb*
reaching puberty

coto [còtò] *noun* mud

coto [còtò] *verb* snapping, breaking

coto [còtò] *verb*
pounding a wet cassava, groundnut

coyo [còyyò] *verb*
1 waking
2 rising up

coyo [còyyò] *verb*
1 writing
2 sewing

cub [cùùb] *verb*
stab, spear
cùbbèè can be stabbed
cùbbèè stabbing each other
cùbbò stabbing, spearing

cubu [cùbù] *adverb*
splashing noise made by a thing falling in water

cubo [cùbbò] *noun*
stabbing, spearing

cuc [cùùc] *adverb*
really black
cóól ní cùùc completely dark

cuce [cùccèè] *verb*
to hang around for a thing

cuci [cùcì] *noun*
husks, chaff

cud [cùùd] *verb*
to kill a person already dying

cude [cùddèè] *verb*
assisting in death

cudo [cùddò] *verb*
killing a person already dying

cudu [cùddù] *adjective*
protruding, jutting out

cugu [cùgù] *noun*
ants

cuk [cùùk] *noun*
market
ARA shouk

cuk [cùùk] *verb*
1 encourage to do usually an unpleasant thing
2 (of a dog) set on a target

cuka [cùkà] *noun*
bedsheet

cukari [cùkàrì] *noun*
sugar (ENG)

cuke [cùkkèè] *verb*
1(to) try to
2 (to) attempt

cuku [cùkkù] *verb*
urging

cul [cùul] *verb*
 (to) plug holes
cùllèè can be plugged
cùllò plugging
cul [cùul] *noun*
 payment
cul [cùul] *verb*
 (to) pay
cùllò bányá paying debts
cùllèè 1 can be paid 2 paying the self
cùllò paying
cul [cùul] *verb*
 (to) avenge, revenge; pay back
cùllò wààng avenging, revenge, pay back
cul [cùul] *verb*
 1 (to) dilute
 2 (to) pour cold water into hot water or vice versa
 3 (to) add more water into a sauce
cula [cùlál] *noun*
 an island
cula [cùlál] *adjective*
 alone
culo [cùllò] *verb*
 diluting a thing with more water
culo [cùllò] *noun*
 1 paying
 2 avenging
 3 plugging
culu [cùllú] *adverb*
 splashing sound of a thing falling in water
cun [cùun] *noun*
 penis

cun [cùun] *verb*
 court (a girl)
cùnnà courtship
cùnnèè flirting
cùnnò courting
cuno [cùnnò] *noun*
 courting
cung [cùung] *verb*
 1 stand
 2 stop, halt
 3 contest an election
cùnggù standing, contesting an election, halting
cung kal [cúung káal] *noun*
 millet chaff
cunge [cúnggèè] *verb*
 can be pressed
cungu [cùnnngù] *noun*
 1 standing
 2 contesting
cuny [cùuny] *verb*
 build
cupa [cùpà] *noun*
 bottle
cupuria [cùpùrià] *noun*
 saucepan
 SWA *sufuria*
cur [cùur] *verb*
 pound
cur [cùur] *verb*
 pour a large amount of water
cura [cùrà] *noun*
 chapter
cura [cùráà] *noun*
 mathematics, arithmetics
curu [cùrrù] *verb*
 1 pounding of millet
 2 adding water

curu buk [cùurù búúk] *noun*
 bellow
curuwal [cùrùwáal] *noun*
 pair of trousers
 SWA *suruwaal*
cut [cùt] *adverb*
 happening immediately, right now
cut [cùt] *noun*
 suit (ENG)
cur [cùur] *verb*
 (to) groan
cwaa [cwáá] *noun*
 tamarind
cwac [cwáác] *adverb*
 (modifies long) really long, far. *bòòr ní cwáác* really long, far
cwak [cwàák] *noun* jaw
cwak [cwàák] *verb*
 (to) support, come to the aid of, defend
cwákkèè can be defended, supported
cwákkè support, defend her
cwákkò defending, supporting
cwak [cwàák] *verb*
 stoke fire
cwak obo [cwàák òbòò] *noun*
 a pole to which hunting nets are tied
cwako [cwàkkò] *noun*
 supporting, defending
cwal [cwàal] *verb*
 (to) send
cwállèè can be sent
cwàllè send her
cwàllò sending

cwalo [cwàllò] *noun*
 sending
cwar [cwààr] *noun*
 husband
cwàrrá my husband
cwàrrè her husband
cwàrrí your husband
cware [cwàrè] *noun*
 bedbugs
cwe [cwèè] *verb*
 (to) create, make, knit, mould
cwe [cwèè] *noun*
 creating, creation
cwèyyò creating, moulding
làcwèèc creator; God
cwe [cwèè] *noun*
 meat soup
cwe [cwéé] *verb*
 1 (to) be fat
 2 (to) become fat
cwèyyò becoming fat, putting on weight
cwec [cwééc] *noun*
 1 being fat
 2 becoming fat
cwer [cwèèr] *verb*
 1 (to) leak
 2 (to) bleed
cwer [cwèèr] *verb*
 (to) plane wood
cwero [cwèrrò] *verb*
 planing wood
cwet [cwétà] *noun*
 sweater, pullover (ENG)
cweyo [cwèyyò] *noun*
 creating, moulding
cwi [cwí] *verb*
 (to) suck

cwic [cwííc] *noun*
sucking
cwiny [cwíiny] *noun*
1 heart
2 sentiments, emotions
cwínnnyé cwéè he is upset
cwiny [cwíiny] *verb*
(of water etc level) to dip,
fall low, reduce
cwiny [cwíiny] *verb*
(of polenta) to dip into sauce
cwiny [cwíiny] *verb*
1 to light
2 set alight
cwinnyò setting alight, lighting
cwinyo [cwínnnyò] *noun*
1 (to) be stung by a bee
etc
2 (to) set alight; torch
cwir [cwíir] *noun*
rainy season
cwit [cwíít] *noun*
sweet (ENG)

D d

daa [dàà] *verb*
(to) quarrel
dàà mọ́n unceasing rain
daa [dàà] *noun*
quarrelling, bickering
daa [dàà] *noun*
1 grandmother
2 mother of one's husband;
mother in law
dàà nā my grandmother,
my mother in law

dàā wà our grandmother,
our mother in law
daa [dàà] *verb*
(to) enlarge, widen
daa- [dàā-] *prefix*
lady, woman
ALSO **dáá**
dàā àbíláà a woman who
looks after the ancestral shrine
dáá kẹ́r royal wife; queen
dáá cwíiny beloved wife,
favourite wife
dáá tòdò widower
dab [dàāb] *verb*
(to) sew or stitch up temporarily and hurriedly
dàbbò sewing up temporarily
daba [dàbà] *noun*
mud
dad [dàād] *verb*
(to) cut open, split open
dàddò cutting open
dag [dàāg] *verb*
(to) refuse, reject; to not like
ALSO **déég**
dàggò hating, hatred, refusal
dag [dàāg] *noun*
refusal, rejection, hatred
ALSO **déég**
dago [dàggò] *noun*
refusing, refecting
dak [dààk] *adjective*
a large utensil
dààk kwọ́n cooking utensil
dak [dààk] *verb*

move to another area; immigrate
dako [dákóó] *noun*
1 woman
2 wife
dákó nā my wife
PLU **mọ́n**
dan [dàān] *noun*
palate
dan [dàān] *noun*
inner top part of house; ceiling
dano [dánòò] *noun*
human being, person
dang [dāng] *verb*
(to) scrape especially meat from the skin
dany [dàāny] *adverb*
scatter in all direction when in flight
dany [dàāny] *verb*
1 (to) part hair
2 (to) part ways
danyo [dànnnyò] *verb* separating, parting
danyu [dànyú] *noun*
rainbow
dar [dàār] *verb*
(to) separate or clean by sorting out
dat [dàāt] *verb*
(to) spear several times
dawa [dàwà] *noun*
medicine
SWA *dawa*
ALSO **yààt**
dayo [dàyyò] *noun*
being a grandmother
dayo [dàyyò] *verb*
widening

debe [dẹ̀bẹ̀] *noun*
tin of about four gallons
SWA *debbe*
dec [dẹ́éc] *verb*
retching, puking, vomiting
dec [dẹ́éc] *noun*
strangulation
ded [dẹ̀dẹ̀] *verb*
open by force
dede [dẹ̀dẹ̀] *adjective*
(of water) lukewarm
dee [dèè] *verb*
(to) strangle
dènnèè to strangle each other, the self
dénèè can be strangled
dènnò strangling
dee [dèè] *verb*
(to) adorn, make beautiful
dee [dẹ́é] *verb*
pride
dek [dèèk] *noun*
(meat, vegetable, etc) sauce
dèèk bòò vegetable (cow peas leaves) sauce
dèèk rịngọ meat sauce
deel [dẹ̀èl] *noun*
skin, hide
dẹ̀èl ràà hippopotamus hide
deel [dèèl] *verb*
(to) keep an eye on
dem [dẹ̀èm] *adjective*
tired
dem [dẹ̀èm] *verb*
cut a big chunk
den [dẹ́én] *noun*
debt, loan

SWA *den*
 ALSO **bányá**
den [dèñ] *verb*
 (to) borrow, loan
dènnò cààn enduring poverty;
 suffering
dènnè can be borrowed
 or loaned
dènnè loan him or her
dènnò loaning, borrowing
 SWA *den*
deno [dènnò] *noun*
 loaning, borrowing
der [dèr] *verb*
 (to) decorate
der [déer] *noun*
 strangulating the self; com-
 mitting suicide
dero [dèrò] *noun*
 granary
det [dèet] *adjective*
 fresh
deyo [dèyyò] *noun*
 ornament
deyo [dèyyò] *verb*
 strangling
did [diid] *verb*
 insist
dii [di] *verb*
 press, persevere
dil [diil] *verb*
 stuff, compress, press
díllè can be stuffed, com-
 pressed, pressed
díllò stuffing, compress-
 ing
dilo [dillò] *noun*
 stuffing, compressing
dim [dim] *noun*
 spike

din [diin] *verb*
 (to) thresh grain
dínnè can be threshed
dínnò threshing
dini [diin] *noun*
 religion
 SWA *dini*
dino [dinnò] *verb*
 softening hide
dìng [diing] *adjective*
 narrow
dìng [diing] *verb*
 (to) strain beer
dìng [diing] *noun*
 chin
dìng [diing] *verb*
 (to) coerce
dìng [diing] *adjective*
 numb
dìng [diing] *noun*
 deafness
dìngi dìngi [dìngí dīngì] *noun*
 a dance displaying elegance,
 beauty and adeptness, usu-
 ally by girls
dingo [dìngò] *verb*
 straining local beer *kwètè*
dir [diir] *verb*
 1 (to) move away
 2 (to) edge backward or
 forward
dìrré cèñ move back
dìrrè can be moved
dìrrè move back, away
dìrrò moving
dira [diir] *noun*
 communal work done by
 women
dirica [diiricà] *noun*
 window

SWA *dirisa*
 ALSO **wààng òt**
diro [diirò] *noun*
 craftmanship, skill
diro [diirò] *noun*
 1 edging closer or farther
 2 moving a thing
dít [diit] *noun*
 art, skill
diyo [diyyò] *verb*
 pressing, compressing
do [dò] *adverb*
 used for assurance
àwáccò dò I did inform her!
dob [dóob] *noun*
 treachery
dobò [dóbbò] *noun*
 betraying
dobò [dóob] *noun*
 leprosy
làdòbó a leper
lùdòbó lepers
dod [dòod] *verb*
 (to) pile, stack
dòddè can be stacked, piled
dòddè the act of piling,
 stacking up
dòddò stacking, piling things,
 stacking
dog [dóog] *noun*
 1 mouth
 2 river source
 3 beak, brim
dóog óót door
dog [dóog] *noun*
 language
dóog múnú language of the
 white people; English
dogi [dògì] *noun*

poorly developed beans,
 nuts etc
dogo [dògò] *noun*
 tree bark
dok [dòok] *verb*
 return, go back
dòok pácò go back home
dok [dòok] *verb*
 to become
dókkòd becomes, becoming
dókkò ràc will become bad
dókkò ràc becoming bad
doke [dókkè] *verb*
 procrastination
 ALSO **gàllèè**
doko [dókkò] *verb*
 1 going back, returning
 2 becoming
dókkò làkwòd becoming a
 thief
dol [dòol] *verb*
 (to) fold up, roll up
dòol kàbütò fold up the sleep-
 ing things
dóllè can be folded up
dóllò folding up
dol [dòol] *noun*
 circular hut structure which
 rests on the poles
dolo [dòllò] *verb*
 folding up, rolling up
dolo [dòlò] *noun*
 colobus monkey
dong [dòong] *conjunction, ad-
 verb*
 1 then, after
 2 now
dòong béér it is better now
dong [dòong] *verb*

1 (to) remain behind
 2 (to) be left back
dong [dòḡṅ] *verb*
 (to) grow, mature, develop
dónggò mābéēr it is growing well
dònggò bèēr growth is good; development is good
dònnḡò growing up, developing, maturing
dong [dòḡṅ] *verb*
 (to) hit especially with the fist; box
dónngēē can be hit
dònnḡò hitting
dong [dòḡṅ] *verb*
 (to) raise an alarm
dònnḡò òdùūr raising an alarm
dongo [dònnḡò] *verb*
 growing up, developing
dongo [dònnḡò] *verb*
 hitting, slapping
dony [dòṅny] *verb*
 1 (to) enter
 2 (to) grasp a concept, understand
 3 (to) get out into
donyo [dònnḡò] *verb*
 1 entering
 2 enlisting, joining
 3 understanding
òdònnḡò ì wīā mā bèēr I have understood it well
donyo [dònnḡò] *verb*
 entering, enlisting
do [dòḡ] *verb*
 (to) weed
dòyyò weeding
do [dòḡ] *noun*

1 weed
 2 weeding
door [dòḡr] *verb*
 (to) drill, march
dòrrēē can be drilled
dòrrēē marching
dòrrò the act of marching, drilling
dot [dòḡt] *verb*
 1 (to) suck breast
 2 (to) suckle
dóttēē can be sucked
dòttò sucking breast
dot [dòḡt] *verb*
 (to) kiss
 ALSO *nòttò*
dot [dòḡt] *verb*
 (to) accuse
dóttēē can be accused
dòttēē trading accusations
dòttò accusing
dot [dòḡt] *noun*
 accusation
doto [dòttò] *verb*
 1 sucking breast; being breast fed
 2 kissing
doto [dòttò] *verb*
 1 penance, confessing
 2 accusation, accusing
dòttò báál confessing
doyo [dòyyò] *noun*
 weeding
du [dúḡ] *adjective*
 all
gín dúḡ all of them
dud [dúḡ] *noun*
 buttocks
dugu [dùḡ] *verb*

1 swelling
 2 skin disease
duka [dúkà] *noun*
 shop
 SWA *dhuka*
dul [dùḡl] *verb*
 coerce
dul [dùḡl] *verb*
 stuff things into your mouth etc
dul [dùḡl] *noun*
 club as a weapon
dula [dùlá] *noun*
 granary
 ALSO *dèrò*
dum [dùḡm] *verb*
 (to) speak a foreign language
dume [dùmé] *noun*
 sorghum species
dumu [dùmmù] *verb*
 cutting a large piece
dumu [dùmmù] *verb*
 speaking of a foreign language
dung [dùḡṅ] *verb*
 (to) frighten with much talk
dùnnḡò load with many words
duny [dùḡny] *verb*
 1 (to) wipe clean
 2 (to) mop a wet surface
dùnnḡēē can be wiped
dùnnḡù wiping, moping
duny [dùḡny] *verb*
 1 (of smoke) to rise
 2 (to) emit smell
dur [dúúr] *adjective*
 stingy
làdùūr a stingy person

dunyo [dùnnḡò] *noun*
 (of smoke) rising up
dur [dùūr] *verb*
 (to) pile, heap
dùrrēē collected together
dùrrò assembling together
duru [dúru] *verb*
 (of animal) to be pregnant
 ALSO *òdúróò*
durai [dùrúù] *noun*
 dregs found at water pot bottom
duru [dùrrò] *noun*
 assembling things
dwad [dwàād] *verb*
 (to) entangle
dwàddò getting entangled
dwado [dwàddò] *noun*
 entangling
dwal [dwàāl] *verb*
 1 (to) entangle
 2 (to) get entangled
dwàllá entanglement
dwàllēē can be entangled
dwàllò entangling
dwal [dwàāl] *verb*
 (to) knead polenta
dwalo [dwàllò] *noun*
 entangling
dwan [dwáán] *noun*
 1 voice
 2 throat
dwar [dwààr] *noun*
 hunting
dwàrrò hunting
dwaro [dwàrrò] *noun*
 hunting
dwe [dwèè] *noun*
 1 moon
 2 month

dwele [dwèllèè] *verb*
(of a tall tree) to climb up

dwengo [dwènggò] *verb*
speak fluently

dwet [dwèèt] *verb*
(of the eyes) to water

dwiny [dwĩny] *verb*
crush a thing

dwir [dwĩr] *adverb*
fast, swift

dwírròò fastness, swiftness

dwo [dwòò] *verb*
(to) drive

dwòyyò driving

dwoc [dwóóc] *verb*
driving

dwod [dwòòd] *verb*
pile

dwóddèè can be piled

dwòddò piling up

dwodo [dwòddò] *verb*
1 tying goats
2 piling up

dwog [dwòòg] *verb*
1 (to) go back, return
2 (to) come back

dwòòg pácò come back home

dwòggò returning

dwogo [dwòggò] *verb*
returning

dwok [dwòòk] *verb*
(to) return a thing, person

dwókkèè can be returned

dwòkkè 1 return it back to her 2 return her back 3 respond to her; reply her

dwòkkò returning things

dwoko [dwòkkò] *verb*
returning things, people

dwol [dwòòl] *noun*
animal pen; kraal

dwon [dwòòn] *verb*
of a water source to dry up

dwong [dwòōng] *verb*
knock, tap

dwòōng dógòllà knock at the door

dwong [dwòōng] *adjective*
big, large, plenty

dwor [dwòōr] *verb*
pamper, indulge

dwòōr cwàrì indulge your husband

dwoyo [dwòyyò] *noun*
driving

dyak [dyààk] *adjective*
wet

dyang [dyààng] *noun*
cattle, cow

PLU **dyàngí**

dyangi [dyàngí] *noun*
cattle, cows

SGL **dyààng**

dye [dyèè] *adjective*
middle

dyed [dyèèd] *verb*
(to) balance on the head; stack up

dyèddò balancing, stacking up

dyedo [dyèddò] *noun*
balancing a thing on the head; stacking up

dyegi [dyégí] *noun*
goats

SGL **dyèèl**

dyel [dyèèl] *noun*

goat

PLU **dyégí**

dyeny [dyèeny] *verb*
(to) insist

dye [dyèēr] *verb*
(of food) to leave some; reserve some

E e

e [-e] *prefix*
1 short form of the third person pronoun; she, he
2 short form of the pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; reflexive

òwàccò ní ècámmdò lậwợrợ he said that he ate it yesterday

ALSO **ẹ**

e [e-] *suffix*
1 the short form of third person singular; she, he
2 the short form used as the benefactive— to, for him, her. *òkẹlẹ lậwợrợ* He brought it for her yesterday

3 the short form of the third person pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; reflexive. *àlwòké lậwợrợ* I washed myself yesterday

4 short form of the third person in possessive

òttèè her house

ALSO **ẹ**

ee [éè] *adverb*
negation marker, no

éè pẹ én No, she /it is not the one

ee [èè] *adverb*
yes

èè mẹnno én yes, that is the one; yes. she is the one

ego [ègòò] *demonstrative*
those (near the addressee)

gín ègòò they are those ones

el [èèl] *verb*
1 to raise up, elavate
2 (of a covered or closed thing) uncover, lift open

èèl cingí màlò raise up your hand

èllèè can be lifted open

èllò opening, lifting open

elo [èllò] *verb*
initiate a thing

èllò lwéeny starting a fight

em [éém] *noun*
thigh

em [èém] *noun*
take, carry

en [én] *pronoun*
full form of the third person sgl; she, it, he

én èén here she is!

en [èèn] *adverb*
this, here

ènéè here it is

ento [éntóó] *conjunction*
but, however

er [èēr] *verb*
initiate, instigate

èēr lwéeny start a fight

èrrò initiating, starting

ero [èrrò] *noun*
starting, initiating
ete [èttè] *verb*
attempting to do things beyond ones means
eyo [èyò] *adverb*
yes

G g

ga [gáá] *noun*
things, property, possession
ALSO **jémì**, **jámì**
ga [gàā] *verb*
to glance
gab [gàāb] *verb*
to hang up a thing
gàāb cáál málō hang up the picture
gàbbò hanging up
gab [gàāb] *verb*
(to) mend
gábbèè can be hung
gàbbò mending
gaba [gàbà] *adverb*
really tall, extremely tall
bòdè ní gàbà she is really tall
gabumente [gàbùmentè] *noun*
government (ENG)
ALSO **gàméntè**
gabo [gàbbò] *noun*
1 mending
2 hanging a thing up
gabuna [gábūnà] *noun*
governor (ENG)

gac [gàāc] *verb*
(to) look through corner of the eyes; glance
gad [gàād] *verb*
to gobble, eat excess amount
gàddò excessive eating
gadi gadi [gàdì gādì] *noun*
wheelbarrow
gado [gàddò] *noun*
excessive eating
gak [gàāk] *verb*
1 to remain behind
2 (to) not come back, return
gàāk remaining behind
gak [gàāk] *verb*
(to) grind coarsely; first round of grinding
gàkkò grinding a thing coarsely
gako [gàkkò] *noun*
grinding coarsely
gal [gàāl] *verb*
(to) delay
gàllèè delaying the self
gàllò delaying, holding back
gam [gàām] *verb*
(to) receive, accept
gàmmē receive him, welcome him
gàmmèè can be accepted
gàmē accept her
gàmmò acceptance
gam [gàām] *verb*
(to) respond, reply
gàmmē respond to her
gàmmèè can be responded to
gàmmē respond to her
gàmmò responding to

gamo [gàmmò] *noun*
responding, answering, accepting
gan [gàān] *adjective*
good
gànnò to marvel
gano [gànnò] *noun*
marvelling
gang [gààng] *noun*
home, village
gango [gànnò] *verb*
fencing the homestead
gango [gàngò] *noun*
ancestral worship place
gango [gàngò] *noun*
last funeral rites
gaar [gàār] *verb*
search, look for
gar [gàār] *noun*
train
gara [gàrà] *noun*
ankle rattle
gara [gàrá] *noun*
hen pen
ALSO **gòró**
garo [gàrrò] *verb*
stabbing an animal
gaya [gàyá] *noun*
sorghum species
ALSO **gèyā**
gayi [gàyì] *noun*
cane
gec [gèēc] *verb*
guess
gèccò guessing
geco [gèccò] *verb*
guessing
ged [gèēd] *verb*
(to) build

gedo [gèddò] *noun*
building, buildings
gee [gèē] *verb*
(to) wipe clean
gèē mālèng wipe it clean
gek [gèèk] *noun*
hiccup
ALSO **dìk**
gek [gèèk] *noun*
gecko
gem [gèèm] *adjective*
greed
gem [gèèm] *verb*
to be trapped
gemo [gè mò] *noun*
an infectious disease
gemo [gèmmò] *noun*
rebellion
gen [gèēn] *noun*
trusting, believing in, having faith in
gen [gèēn] *verb*
1 (to) trust
2 (to) believe in
3 (to) rely upon
gènnēē can be trusted, relied upon
gènnē trust her, believe in her
gènnò trusting in, believing in, relying on; having faith
geno [gènnò] *noun*
trusting, believing
geng [gèèng] *adjective*
a well built person
geng [gèèng] *verb*
(to) prevent, hinder
gènnèè can be prevented

gènnḡ prevent her
gènnḡ prevention
gengo [gènnḡ] *noun*
 preventing, obstructing
ger [gèēr] *verb*
 (to) build
gèrrē build a house for him
gèrrēè can be built
gèrrò the act of building
ger [gèēr] *verb*
 (to) make love
gèrréè making love
gèrrò the act of making love
ger [gèér] *noun*
 marriage
ger [gèēr] *verb*
 (of a compound, road etc)
 to clean by grading
gèēr dīkāl clean the compound
gèrrò clearing the surrounding by digging
ger [gèēr] *adjective*
 1 wild
 2 angry
ger [gèēr] *noun*
 animal path
gero [gèrrò] *verb*
 1 building
 2 making love
 3 marrying
 4 clearing compound, road etc
gero [gèrrò] *noun*
 anger, ferocity, wildness, rage
get [gèēt] *verb*
 block the way
geya [gèyā] *noun*

sorghum species
 ALSO **gàyā**
geyo [gèyyò] *verb*
 wiping up
gi [gī-] *prefix*
 1 short form of third person plural: 'they'
 2 the short form used in the non-past
gītīyēè they are present
 CFR **gú-**
 ALSO **gì-**
gi [-gī] *suffix*
 1 short form of the third person plural pronoun; "they"
 2 marks the possessive
òt gĩ their house
méggĩ theirs
gicere [gicérē] *noun*
 a small guord in which oil is kept
gicika [gicikáà] *noun*
 curtain
 ALSO **kìcìkàà**
gid [gīd] *verb*
 (to) tickle
giddò tickling
gido [giddò] *verb*
 tickling
gigi [gīgī] *pronoun*
 theirs
gigu [gīgū] *noun*
 1 their things
 2 those things
gik [gīk] *verb*
 1 (to) end, bring to an end
 2 (to) arrest the development
gīkkò ending, terminating

gik [gīk] *noun*
 hiccup
 ALSO **ògīk**
gik [gīk] *noun*
 1 ending, terminating
 2 halting
giko [gīkkò] *verb*
 1 ending
 2 terminating, termination
 3 bringing to an end
gikun [gikúún] *noun*
 fowl fleas
 ALSO **kikúún**, **kikúúny**
gin [gín] *pronoun*
 full form of the third person plural pronoun, "they."
gín lùkwòdò they are thieves
gin [gìn] *noun*
 1 things
 2 instruments, tools
gìn cáàm eating utensils
ginnèè her things
gìn gí their things, property
gin [gìn] *noun*
 possession, property
 PLU **jémì**
ging [gíng] *adverb*
 tying things tightly
gingi [gíngí] *adjective*
 petulance
giny [gīny] *verb*
 1 tickle
 2 rub
gínnyèè can be tickled, rubbed
ginnýò tickling, rubbing
 ALSO **giddĩ**
gipiny [gipíní] *noun*
 property

gipwola [gìpwòlā] *noun*
 misfortune, mishap
 ALSO **kìpòlā**
git [gīt] *verb*
 (to) peel
gittē peel it for her
gíttēè can be peeled
gittò peeling
gito [gittò] *noun*
 peeling
gitoga [gítógāà] *noun*
 grass species used for building granaries
gitogo [gítógó] *noun*
 placenta, afterbirth
 ALSO **pèèl**, **byèrò**
gob [gòòb] *verb*
 1 (to) scrape
 2 collect dirt
gòbbò scraping
goba [gòbà] *noun*
 lies
lāgòbà a liar
lūgòbà liars
goc [góóc] *noun*
 beating, striking, hitting
goga [gógá] *noun*
 a shack
goga [gògà] *noun*
 jest, concert, play, drama
gogogogo [gògògògò] *noun*
 turaco
gogo [gògò] *adverb*
 being spread out
gogo [gógó] *noun*
 fence made of logs, stockade
gok [góók] *noun*
 brisket

gool [gòõl] *verb*

1 (to) extract, take out, clear

2 (to) string things together

3 (to) curve a hole out of

4 (to) extract information
out off

5 (to) excavate

gòllèè can be extracted, cleared,
excavated

gòllò hollowing, extract-
ing, excavating

gola [gòlâ] *noun*

snake, cobra

gola [gólâ] *adjective*

double faced person

goli [gòlì] *noun*

fishing hook

golo [gòllò] *noun*

extracting, nodding

gom [gòõm] *verb*

1 (to) bend

2 (to) cause to bend

gòmmèè can be bent

gòmmò bending

gomeci [gómècì] *noun*

female dress fashion, hav-
ing a top joined to a wrap-
per below

BNT *gomsì*

gomo [gòmmò] *verb*

yearning to have

gon [gòõn] *verb*

1 go via (rather than straight

2 change direction

gònnò changing direction

gong [gòõng] *verb*

partially shut

gònnò partially shutting

gongongwe [gòõngòngwéé] *noun*

praying mantis

gony [góõny] *noun*

a resting place

gony [gòõny] *verb*

1 untie

2 release from prison, set
free

gónnyèè can be untied

gònnýò untying

gonye [gònnýèè] *verb*

being delivered of a baby

gonyo [gònnýò] *noun*

1 untying

2 setting free

goo [gòõ] *verb*

1 (to) beat

2 (to) bless

gònnéè beating one another

gónnèè can be beaten

gor [góór] *noun*

an animal species

gor [gòõr] *verb*

(to) decorate

goro [gòró] *adjective*

weak, infirm, disabled

làgòró a weak, disabled per-
son

goro [gòrò] *noun*

fowl pen

ALSO **ògògò**

goro goro [góró góró] *noun*

leopard

ALSO **ngùùr, kwààc**

goroto [gòròtò] *noun*

a sour vegetable

ALSO **lògòròtò**

gore [górrèè] *verb*

can be decorated

gòrrò decorating

got [gòõd] *noun*

1 rock, stone

2 mountain, hill

goyo [gòyyò] *verb*

1 beating

2 (of a person, thing) be-
ing beaten by rain

3 ringing a bell, telephone

4 raising an alarm

5 blessing

6 constructing

gòyyò bùùl beating drum

gòyyò òláng ringing a bell

gòyyò láá blessing

gub [gùùb] *verb*

(to) sip

gùbbèè can be sipped

gùbbò sipping

guc [gùùc] *verb*

throw, fling

gud [gùccò] *verb*

taking to flight

guci [gùcì] *noun*

a slave

guco [gùccò] *noun*

1 throwing

2 taking to flight

gud [gùùd] *verb*

touch, feel

gùddèè can be touched, reach-
able

gùddò touching

gudo [gùddò] *verb*

to be touched, affected by

an issue

lòk ògùddò é the issues have

touched her

gudo [gùdò] *noun*

road, path, street

ALSO **gùdù**

gul [gùùl] *noun*

nook

gùùl dòt corner of a room

gul [gùùl] *verb*

dent, make a hole

gullo [gùllò] *verb*

sprouting

gum [gùùm] *noun*

luck

gùùm mǎbéér good luck

gùùm mǎráác bad luck

gùùm kòdòm being lucky

gun [gùùn] *verb*

crowding

guna [gùnà] *noun*

having a secret compart-
ment

làpòdòk cinggé gùnà he who
divides has hidden com-
partments

gunia [gùnfà] *noun*

sack

gung [gùùng] *verb*

kneel, bow

gùnnngò kneeling, bowing

gungo [gùnnngò] *noun*

kneeling, bowing

guny [gùũny] *noun*

1 rising of smoke

2 bubbling of boiling wa-
ter

3 foaming of beer

gùnnnyèè bubbling, rising,
evaporating

gùnyyò bubbling, boiling

gunya [gùnyà] *noun*

chimpanzee

gunyo [gùnnnyò] *noun*

bubbling, boiling

gur [gùúr] *noun*
volcanic stones

gur [gùūr] *verb*
1 assemble, gather, collect
2 arrange for funeral rites
gúrèè can be assembled
gùrèè assembling in one place
gùrrò assembling

guro [gùrò] *verb*
1(to) surround
2 (to) have the funeral rites

gur [gùūr] *verb*
1 (to) season sauce
2 (to) nail up a thing
gùrrò seasoning, nailing up

guro [gùrrò] *noun*
assembling

guro [gùrrò] *noun*
1 seasoning
2 nailing up

guru guru [gùrùgùrù] *adjective*
not softly cooked

gut [gùüt] *verb*
(of abscess) to collect and make to appear swollen

guti [gùtî] *noun*
poles

gwa [gwàà] *adjective*
1 rough, not smooth
2 difficult

gwa [gwàà] *verb*
plaster a wall etc

gwac [gwáác] *verb*
smearing

gwad [gwàād] *verb*

clear, remove rubbish usually with the hand
gwàddò removing

gwado [gwàddò] *noun*
removing

gwak [gwàāk] *verb*
1 embrace
2 hold with arms across
gwàkkèè having hands across the self, embracing one another
gwàkkò embracing

gwako [gwàkkò] *noun*
embracing

gwana [gwánà] *noun*
cassava
ALSO **gùrà**

gwang [gwàāng] *verb*
spoil, confuse
gwànnngèè being incoherent
gwànnngò incoherent speaking

gwango [gwànnngò] *noun*
incoherent speaking

gwanya [gwányà] *noun*
a sour tasting vegetable

gwar [gwàār] *verb*
(to) gather collect
gwàār yùgî collect the rubbish
gwàrrèè can be collected
gwàrrò collecting

gwara [gwàrà] *noun*
calabash blown as a horn

gwaro [gwàrrò] *noun*
collecting

gwayo [gwàyyò] *verb*
smearing

gwe [gwèē] *verb*
1 (to) kick
2 (to) play football
gwééc kicking, playing football

gwec [gwèēc] *verb*
to come off at a joint, to split

gwe [gwèē] *verb*
(to) scoop sauce, get sauce to eat

gwe [gwèē] *noun*
constipation caused by indigestion

gwed [gwèēd] *verb*
(to) flip pluck, remove
gwèddò plucking, flipping

gwel [gwèēl] *verb*
(by hand movements) to beckon

gwele [gwèlē] *noun*
bedstead for sitting

gwel [gwèēl] *verb*
(to) get peanut butter etc with the finger

gwen [gwèēn] *verb*
(to) peel
gwènnò peeling

gwenò [gwènnò] *noun*
hen
mùnn gwènnò hen
twònn gwènnò cock

gweng [gwèèng] *noun*
pebble, stone

gweny [gwèēny] *verb*
(to) scratch
gwènnnyèè can be scratched
gwènnnyò scratching

gweny [gwèēny] *verb*

(to) dislocate, come out of joint

gwenyo [gwènnnyò] *verb*
by passing each other without meeting

gwer [gwèēr] *verb*
(to) skimp for food

gwer [gwèēr] *verb*
(to) vaccinate
gwèrrò vaccination, scarification

gwero [gwèrrò] *noun*
vaccinating, scarification

gwet [gwèēt] *verb*
(to) pluck

gweto [gwèttò] *noun*
plucking

gweto [gwèttò] *verb*
1 distracting attention
2 marking books etc

gweyo [gwèyyò] *verb*
scooping sauce

gweyo [gwèyyò] *verb*
kicking

gweyo [gwèyyò] *verb*
(of a dog) to bark

gwin [gwīn] *verb*
skimp, eat in tiny bits
gwīnnò skimp eating

gwok [gwòòk] *verb*
1 (to) take care of
2 (to) protect
gwókkèè can be taken care of
gwókkè take care of her
gwókkèè taking care of the self
gwókkò taking care of
gwok [gwóók] *adjective*

1 forbidden thing
2 taboo
gwok [gwòòk] *adverb*
perhaps, may be
ALSO **gwòòk nyòò**
gwok [gwòòk] *noun*
dog
gwoko [gwòòkò] *noun*
taking care of; protecting
gwong [gwòòng] *noun*
stammering
gwor [gwòòr] *verb*
1 (of a hole) to enlarge, dig deeper
2 to remove the top layers
gworo [gwòrrò] *noun*
making larger

I i

i [i-] *prefix*
1 short form of the second person singular pronoun; "you"
2 the short form as it attaches as a prefix to verbs and adjectives
ìcittò kwènè where are you going?
ìbèèr you are good
ALSO **ì-**
i [-i] *suffix*
1 short form of the second person singular pronoun used as the possessive; you
tyènnì your leg

2 short form of the pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; the dative
òkèllì he brought you
3 short form of the singular pronoun used as a benefactive; to, for
òkèllì he brought it for you
4 short form of the pronoun as it attaches to nouns
òttì your house
ALSO **ì**
i [ì] *preposition*
in
ì òt in the house
i [i] *verb*
(short form of the future particle) be, will
à ù cìttò I am going; I will be going
ic [ìc] *noun*
1 stomach, belly
2 pregnancy
tyéé kì ìc she is pregnant
ido [iddo] *verb*
to be possessed by the spirits
il [iil] *verb*
lift up, raise up
illèè can be raised
illò lifting up, hoisting
in [iín] *pronoun*
the full form of the second person pronoun; "you"
íín lèkwòò you are a thief
ir [ìr] *preposition*
for
ìrrā for me
ìrrè for her
ìrrì for you

ir [ìr] *verb*
to cast a spell on, bewitch
it [it] *noun*
scorpion
ALSO **òtòòn**
it [ít] *noun*
1 ear
2 leaf
it [iit] *noun*
a shallow well
it [iit] *verb*
(to) climb, ascend
íttèè can be climbed
ittò climbing
ito [ittò] *verb*
(animals) to mate
iyoo [iyòò] *verb*
working hard

J j

ja [jà] *verb*
1 to have a bit of a thing
2 to prepare a piece of land for cultivation
jar [jàār] *verb*
to rise up in rebellion
jab [jàāb] *verb*
1 (to) massage a wound, swelling with hot water
2 (to) clean a wound with hot water
jabu [jàbù] *noun*
gold
ARA *dhaab*
jaco [jàccò] *verb*
grinding simsim
jago [jàgóò] *noun*
one of the lesser chiefs; sub-chief
BNT *jago*
jai [jài] *noun*
hashis, opium
jak [jàāk] *verb*
to break a twig off a tree branch
jal [jàāl] *noun*
man, fellow
jàlì this man
jal [jàāl] *verb*
(usually of food) to leave a portion for another person
jal [jàāl] *verb*
(to) cut grass
jalo [jàllò] *noun*
cutting grass
jami [jàmì] *noun*
1 goods, possession
2 luggage
ALSO **jémì**
jang [jàāng] *noun*
tree branch
jany [jàāny] *verb*
(of tree branch) to spread out
jànggè its branch
jany [jàāny] *verb*
(to) sit down
janyo [jànnyò] *verb*
straightening the hair; combing
jarara [jàràrà] *noun*
button
ARA *zirara*
jayo [jàyyò] *verb*

taking something that does not belong to one
jeba [jébà] *noun*
 pocket
 ARA *jeba*
jem [jèēm] *verb*
 (to) rebel, go on strike, revolt, uprising
jèmmò going on strike, rebelling
jemi [jémì] *noun*
 goods, possession, luggage
 ALSO **jámì**
jemo [jèmmò] *noun*
 revolting
jeng [jèēng] *verb*
 1 (to) make a thing lean against another
 2 (to) pledge a thing, put a deposit
 3 (to) pawn
jènggèè to lean against
jènggò leaning against, making a deposit, pawning
jengo [jènggò] *noun*
 leaning against
jeny [jèēny] *verb*
 (to) get ready for a fight, flight; tense the muscles
jénnyèè he is getting tense
jenyo [jènyò] *noun*
 getting tense
jer [jèēr] *verb*
 (to) move away, withdraw
jèēr cèén move back
jer [jèēr] *verb*
 to belch
jèrrò gwèè belching from constipation

jer [jéér] *noun*
 humiliation
jero [jèrrò] *noun*
 belching from constipation
jela [jéélà] *noun*
 prison (ENG)
jero [jérò] *noun*
 zero (ENG)
jic [jüic] *verb*
 half cooking of meat
ji [jü] *noun*
 people
 ALSO **jòò**
ji [jü] *verb*
 of meat not properly cooked, partially cooked
jijima [jijimà] *noun*
 shoes
 ARA *gizma*
 ALSO **wààr**
jik [jík] *adverb*
 the sudden stopping rain etc.
jiko [jikò] *noun*
 bringing to an end; completion
jin [jün] *verb*
 delay
jinnò suppressing, hushing up
jino [jinnò] *noun*
 suppressing, compressing
jing [jüing] *verb*
 (to) harden, tighten
jìngò having stunted growth
jing [jüing] *adjective*
 rigid, hard
jiny [jüny] *verb*
 screw the eyes; stint
jüny wàngí stint your eyes

jir [jüir] *verb*
 sneeze
jírròò sneezing
jira [jirá] *noun*
 tassel
jiri [jírì] *noun*
 the New testament
jiro [jírò] *noun*
 jeering
jiyo [jüyyò] *verb*
 partial boiling of maize or beans
jiyo [jüyyò] *noun*
 blocking, closing
job [jòòb] *verb*
 1 (to) collect usually in handfuls
 2 to dip
jòòb ì pü dive into the water
jobi [jòbì] *noun*
 buffalo
 ALSO **jùbì**
jobo [jòbbò] *noun*
 collecting handfuls
jog [jòòg] *verb*
 (to) collect from people
jogi [jòggì] *noun*
 spirits, demons, witchcraft
 SGL *jòòk*
jok [jòòk] *noun*
 spirit, demon, god, witch, wizard
 PLU **jòggì**
jol [jòòl] *verb*
 1 (to) receive, welcome
 2 catch
jóllèè can be received
jòllè receive him, welcome him

jòllò welcoming, especially visitors
jolo [jòllò] *noun*
 welcoming, receiving
jom [jòòm] *verb*
 (to) take wash the self; take bath
jomo [jòommò] *verb*
 taking bath
jonga [jòngá] *noun*
 my friend (feminine)
jongge [jòngè] *verb*
 delaying, holding people back, not being on time
jonggo [jòngò] *verb*
 (of a job) not professionally accomplished
jony [jòòny] *verb*
 (to) become thin, emancipated
jony [jòòny] *noun*
 being thin, emancipated
jonyo [jònnnyò] *noun*
 aids
jony [jòòny] *adjective*
 (of leg etc) to go numb; dead leg
jor [jóór] *noun*
 robe
jot [jòòt] *verb*
 to wet, moisten the mouth etc
joto [jòttò] *verb*
 being smeared with, covered in (blade of spear) drenched
joyo [jòyò] *verb*
 to deflate
jub [jüüb] *verb*
 (to) gather and collect in handfuls

júbbēè handfuls can be collected
jùbbē collect a handful for her
jùbbò collecting a handful of
jubi [jùbì] *noun*
 buffalo
 ALSO **jòbì**
jubo [jùbbò] *noun*
 taking a handful
juc [júúc] *verb*
 reprimand
júúc pà mēggò the reprimand of mothers
jud [jùd] *verb*
 pout
jùdò sulking, pouting
juk [jùük] *verb*
 1 to stop, prevent from doing thing
 2 (to) restrain, hold back, dissuade
júkkēè can be restrained, held back, stopped
jùkkē restrain her
jùkkò stopping, restraining, holding back
juk [jùük] *verb*
 (to) collect, gather, pick, take a handful of
jùük púúl take a handful of nuts
juko [jùkkò] *noun*
 restraining; holding back
juko [jùkkò] *noun*
 taking a handful
jul [jùül] *verb*
 take care of

jul [jùül] *verb*
 sulk
jùllò sulking
jun [jún] *noun*
 chin
jung [jùūng] *verb*
 squeeze, wring
jùūng bóngò wring the clothing
jung [jùūng] *verb*
 (to) shrivel, shrink
junge [jùnngeè] *verb*
 remaining behind, delaying
jungo [jùnngeò] *verb*
 shrinking
jungo [jùnngeò] *verb*
 doing a job badly
juny [jùūny] *verb*
 erect a shelter
junya [júnyà] *noun*
 jiggers
 ALSO **jwínyà**
junyo [júnyó] *noun*
 tree species preferred for rope making
jur [jùūr] *verb*
 1 pour water
 2 (to) pass urine
 ALSO **dòny**
jut [jùüt] *verb*
 beat, hit
jùttò beating, hitting
jut [jùüt] *adverb*
 really short
Làcòò nì cèèk ní jùüt This man is really short
juto [jùttò] *noun*
 beating, hitting

jwa [jwāā] *verb*
 1 (to) clean, scrub, polish
 2 (to) brush teeth
jwánnēè can be cleaned, polished
jwànnò cleaning, scrubbing, polishing
jwàyyò lààk brushing teeth
jwàyyò wààr polishing shoes
jwano [jwànnò] *noun*
 polishing, cleaning
jwan [jwáán] *noun*
 boar tooth on a headgear
jwan [jwáán] *adjective*
 a round hut
jwan [jwāān] *verb*
 (to) rub or smear
jwar [jwāār] *verb*
 to grow tall
jwat [jwàāt] *noun*
 jeering
jwat [jwàāt] *verb*
 (to) hit usually with a cane, stick
jwáttēè can be struck
jwaàttē hit her
jwàttēè hitting or striking each other
jwàttò striking or hitting
jwato [jwàttò] *noun*
 taking to flight; sprinting
jwato [jwàttò] *noun*
 hitting
jwayo [jwàyyò] *verb*
 wiping, polishing
 ALSO **jwànnò**
jwe [jwéé] *noun*
 an ugly being
jwe [jwéè] *noun*
 tumour

jwer [jwèèr] *verb*
 (to) slash, cut grass
jwérēè can be pruned, slashed
jwèrrò slashing
jwero [jwèrrò] *verb*
 scooping water from a water logged place
jwet [jwèèt] *verb*
 take to flight
jwèttò taking to flight
jwet [jwéét] *noun*
 1 foot prints
 2 sound of footprints
jweto [jwèttò] *noun*
 taking to flight
jwi [jwiì] *verb*
 (to) hiss
jwi [jwií] *noun*
 marshy ground
jwi [jwiì] *verb*
 (of a liquid) to ooze out of a porous container
jwi [jwiì] *adverb*
 always, everyday, daily
bìnnò káány jwiì he is here always
 ALSO **jwiì jwiì**
jwic [jwiíc] *noun*
 hissing
jwik [jwiúk] *noun*
 reduction, stopping, ending
jwik [jwiík] *verb*
 (to) contain or reduce flow of a thing
jwíkkēè can be reduced
jwíkkò slimming
jwiko [jwiikkò] *noun*
 slimming, reduction, reducing

jwil [jwííl] *noun*
quail
jwinya [jwínyà] *noun*
jiggers
ALSO **júnyà**
jwiyo [jwiyyò] *verb*
hissing, jeering at a person

K k

ka [kà] *preposition*
to, at, in
òbínòdò kà kwáán she has come to study
ka [kà] *pronoun*
1 which
2 the place which; where a thing is or takes place
Nyùttā kà mā ìkèttò ìyé show me where you have put it
Gulu ká mā bèèr Gulu is a good place
ka [ká] *adverb*
if, when
ká òbínòdò if she comes
ká cè if, should he
kaa [kàà] *particle*
used in questions; so, the noun *icittò kwèñē kàà* so where are you going?
kaa [kàà] *verb*
(to) harvest
kàà káál harvest millet
káác harvesting
kàyyò the act of harvesting

kaa [kàā] *verb*
(to) bite
káác biting
kàyyò the act of biting
kaba [kábá] *noun*
spear with a large blade
kaba [kàbà] *noun*
braces, suspenders
kabad [kàbàād] *noun*
cupboard, wardrobe (ENG)
kabaka [kàbákà] *noun*
king
BNT *kabaka*
kabu [kábù] *noun*
swelling of the wrist
kac [káác] *noun*
ancestral shrine
kac [káác] *noun*
harvest, harvesting
kac [káác] *verb*
biting
kad [kàād] *verb*
1 pleating hair
2 weaving
káddèè can be woven
kàddò pleating
kadi [kádí] *adverb*
1 even
2 if
kado [kàdò] *verb*
salt
kago [kàgò] *noun*
tree preferred for building frames
ALSO **kègò**
kak [kàāk] *verb*
mongoose family, ferret
kak [kàāk] *verb*
1 (to) dissect, cut open
2 (to) split

kaka [kàká] *noun*
clan, tribe, ethnicity
kal [káál] *noun*
millet
kal [kààl] *noun*
1 compound, arena
2 royal court
kal [kàāl] *verb*
1 jump over
2 skip
kállèè can be skipped
kàllò the act of skipping, jumping over
kali [kàlì] *noun*
legume of bean species
kalam [kàláám] *noun*
pen
ARA *galam*
kalang [kàláàng] *noun*
large black ants
kaliri [kàlírí] *noun*
groundnut species often eaten boiled rather than raw
Also **kàlí**
kamlara [kàmlàrà] *noun*
pepper
kan [kàān] *verb*
1 hide, conceal
2 put up for safe keeping
kànnā hide me
kààn mabèēr hide it well
kánnèè can be hidden, concealed
kànnèè hiding or concealing the self
kànnò the act of hiding, concealing
kana [kàrà] *noun*
donkey

kanica [kàñicà] *noun*
church
ARA *kanais*
kano [kànnò] *noun*
concealing, hiding
kang [kàāng] *verb*
sarcastic saying
kang [kààng] *adjective*
(of a thing) out of place, not in line
kango [kànnò] *verb*
putting a spell on to prevent achieving a thing
kany [kàāny] *verb* 1 (to) put up with, bear
2 (to) endure
kànnýò kèèc bearing hunger
kánnýèè can be put up with
kànnýò the act of putting up with, bearing
kany [káāny] *adverb*
here, in this place
bèèd kàāny sit here
kany [kànyí] *noun*
robe
kanyo [kànnýò] *verb*
1 putting up with, bearing
2 hiding
kapere [kàpèrè] *adjective*
a daring person
kaptén [káptèn] *noun*
captain (ENG)
kar [kàār] *adverb*
in the place of
kar [kàār] *verb*
(to) get and take live charcoal, fire in a fork
kara [kàrà] *adverb*
1 surprisingly

2 whereas
 3 so
kàrà máán so; yet
karama [kàráámà] *noun*
 1 feast
 2 Christmas
karan [kàràán] *noun*
 clerk
 SWA *karami*
karatac [kàràtác] *noun*
 paper
 SWA *karatas*
kare [kàrè] *adverb*
 1 time, period
 2 space, place
kare [kárrèè] *verb*
 split into two
kat [kàāt] *verb*
 1 pass
 2 pass through
 3 pass over
kàttò pèeny passing exams
káttèè can be passed, be passed over
kàttò the act of passing, passing over
kato [kàtò] *noun*
 a small bottle used as a unit of measurement of local alcohol
 ALSO *làkàpìrìpìrì*
kayo [kàyò] *noun*
 the first born
kec [kèèc] *noun*
 hunger, famine
kec [kééc] *adjective*
 1 bitter, sour
 2 (of a drink) strong
 3 (the absence of luck) un-

lucky, ill-fated
kòmmè kééc she is unlucky
keco [kèccò] *verb*
 1 being angry
 2 getting annoyed
 3 being annoyed
ked [kèèd] *verb*
 (to) weave, plait, pleat
kèddèè can be pleated, woven
kèddò decorating, pleating
keda [kèdá] *noun*
 bile
kedi [kèdì] *noun*
 twig
kedo [kèddò] *noun*
 decorating, pleating
kee [kèè] *verb*
 1 (to) disperse, spread out
 2 (to) come to an end
kee [kèè] *adjective*
 appetite, yearning for
kego [kègò] *noun*
 a creeping plant used for dressing wound
kere [kèèrè] *verb*
 behave submissively to win favour
kek [kèèk] *noun*
 a fishing basket for trapping fish
kek [kèèk] *verb*
 to split open (of cotton buds)
kek [kèèk] *noun*
 cake (ENG)
keken [kékéén] *adverb*
 1 alone
 2 only
wán kékén only us

kénnàà alone, by myself
kénnèè alone, by himself
kénwí all by yourselves
keko [kèkkò] *verb*
 (of noise) disturbing, too loud, deafening *kèkkò ìt dánó*
 too loud a deafening noise
kel [kèl] *verb*
 (to) bring
kèl kány bring it here
kèllèè can be brought
kèllè bring it for her; bring her
kèllò bringing
keli [kèlì] *noun*
 an ornamental axe
kelo [kèlò] *noun*
 bringing
kem [kèèm] *adjective*
 having a bad smell
kema [kémà] *noun*
 tent
kemo [kèmmò] *verb*
 to move towards, in the direction of
kene [kènnèè] *verb*
 (to) struggle alone
kènnèè kènnèè she is struggling all alone, unaided
keno [kènnò] *verb*
 assisting, supporting a weak person
keno [kènnò] *noun*
 fireplace, cooking place
keno [kènnò] *noun*
 a small gourd, calabash
keng [kèèng] *verb*
 1 (to) guard a thing
 2 (to) lay seize
kènnò watching

keng [kèèng] *verb*
 1 (to) miss out on a thing
 2 (to) not get a thing
kengo [kènnò] *noun*
 missing out
keny [kèèny] *noun*
 marriage
keny [kèèny] *verb*
 to waste money
kenya [kènyà] *adverb*
 act without restraint
 Also *àtáà*
kenyo [kènnýò] *adverb*
 over there; there
keo [kèò] *adverb*
 (of movement) disturbing the grass slightly
ker [kéér] *noun*
 a patch of field left unburnt for cultivation
 ALSO *àkéér*
ker [kéér] *noun*
 royalty, chieftdom, kingdom
kere [kèrè] *noun*
 natural gap between teeth
kere [kèrèè] *verb*
 1 being submissive
 2 bossing people
kero [kèrrò] *verb* having energy desire to do a thing
kero [kèrrò] *verb*
 to pamper, coddle
kero [kèrrò] *verb*
 having a natural gap in between teeth
kero [kèrrò] *verb*
 clucking of hens
kero [kèrrò] *verb*
 raising

ket [kèṛṛ] *verb*

1 (to) put

2 (to) put up

3 (to) save

kèṛṛ málō put it up

kèṛṛṛṛ can be put up, be saved, made

kèṛṛṛ 1 make her 2 put her

kèṛṛṛ putting up, saving

ket [kèṛṛ] *verb*

1 to scatter

2 (of marriage) to fall apart

3 (of hair) to comb

kèṛṛṛṛ can be scattered, destroyed, combed

kèṛṛṛ destroy it, comb it

keto [kèṛṛṛ] *verb*

1 destroying

2 scattering

3 combing

keto [kèṛṛṛ] *verb*

1 (to) spread disease

2 (of hunger pangs) to subsidize

keto [kèṛṛṛ] *verb*

1 putting up, aside

2 saving up

keyo [kèyyò] *verb*

1 (to) spread, scatter

2 (to) cure

ki [kĩ] *prefix*

of, belonging to

ALSO *gĩ*

ki [kĩ] *preposition, adverb*

1 with, in, from

2 and

òcòbbò kĩ tóóng she stabbed it with a spear

kibego [kibègò] *noun*

leftover food taken home

kibeng [kibééng] *adverb*

pretence

kibira [kibìrà] *noun*

forest

kiboko [kibòkò] *noun*

whip

SWA *kiboko*

kibogo [kibògò] *noun*

white and black

kic [kíic] *noun*

1 bee

2 honey

kic [kíic] *noun*

orphan

kica [kìcà] *noun*

mercy, compassion

kica [kìcàá] *noun*

a bag

kicika [kìcìkà] *noun*

partition in a room; curtain

kid [kíid] *verb*

(to) break a twig, split a branch

kidi [kìdì] *noun*

stone, often grinding stone

kidu [kìddù] *adjective*

of groundnuts not properly developed

kigingi [kìgìngì] *noun*

a stopper especially for trucks

kigol [kìgòól] *noun*

a basket for carrying fowls

kigong [kìgòōng] *noun*

a dias for keeping split firewood

kii [kíi] *verb*

(to) watch, guard

kìinnò watching, guarding

kii [kíi] *verb*

(to) sieve

kíi mókò mán sieve this flour

kijang [kìjáng] *noun*

basket for processing yeast

kijere [kìjéré] *noun*

a stool used in rituals

kijiko [kìjìkò] *noun*

spoon

Also *málāgà*

kijina [kìjìnā] *noun*

tumour of the throat

kijira [kìjìrá] *noun*

ululation (by women)

gòyyò kìjìrá making ululation

kijumi [kìjù mí] *noun*

a rain pour that lasts the whole day usually from morning

kijut [kìjút] *noun*

dragonfly

kika [kìkà] *noun*

temporary door not hinged, removable

kiliko [kìlìkò] *noun*

whistle made from animal horns

Also *ólíkòò*

kile [kìllè] *verb*

can be peeled

kilo [kìllò] *verb*

peeling

kilong [kìlóng] *adverb*

upside down, wrong way

kiluka [kìlúkàà] *noun*

calabash

kilung kilung [kìlúng kìlúng]

noun

black stork

kin [kìin] *conjunction*

between, among

kinaga [kìnágàà] *noun*

camel

kiniga [kìnígàà] *noun*

anger

ALSO *àkémnoò*

kinju [kìnjúù] *noun*

wild yam

kinu [kìnú] *noun*

animal trap

kiny [kìiny] *verb*

1 (to) comb

2 (of birds) pluming

kìnnýò cleaning, combing

kinyo [kìnyó] *noun*

needle

kipunguo [kìpìnggùò] *noun*

lock

SWA *kipunguo*

kipwola [kìpwólà] *noun*

calamity, misfortune

kir [kìir] *noun*

consequences of breaking a taboo

kir [kìir] *adjective* having a bad

smell; foul smelling

kir [kìir] *verb*

1 sprinkle

2 splash, sprout

3 (of flying things about)

land on

màc òkìir fire splashed

kìrrèè splash the self

kìrrò splashing

kit [kít] *noun*

character, behaviour

kítté his behaviour

kitabú [kìtàbù] *noun*

book

SWA *kitabū*
 Also **búúk**
kitambara [kitámbarà] *noun*
 handkerchief
 SWA *kitabara*
 Also **làtáám**
kitanda [kitándà] *noun*
 bed
kiteya [kitéyā] *noun*
 termites, young ones
kiteyi teyi [kitèyì tɛyì] *noun*
 a wrapper
kitina [kitínàà] *noun*
 1 burnt grass shoots
 2 grass species
kiyo [kìyyò] *verb*
 watching
kiyo [kíyò] *noun*
 mirror
kob [kòòb] *verb*
 1 transfer, move
 2 translate, say
kòbbèè can be said, transferred
kòbbò saying, transferring
kobo [kòbbò] *noun*
 1 transferring
 2 translating
koc [kòc] *noun*
 tin
koc [kòc] *verb*
 to move a way from the rest
koc [kòc] *noun*
 riddle
kod [kòòd] *verb*
 tether
kodi [kòdì] *noun*
 seed

kodi [kòdì] *noun*
 type, kind
kodo [kòdò] *verb*
 blowing of the wind, breeze-ing
kodo [kòddò] *verb*
 to tie together
koga [koɡá] *noun*
 large bird with a black body
kok [kòòk] *verb*
 1 cry
 2 plead
kok [kòòk] *verb*
 redeem
kókkèè can be redeemed
kòkkò redeeming
kol [kóól] *noun*
 animal skin
 ALSO **àkóól**
kol [kòól] *noun*
 animal pen
kol [kòól] *verb*
 1 remove
 2 gouge
 3 extract
kóllèè can be gouged, extracted
kòllò extracting, gouging
kolo [kòlò] *noun*
 a troublesome person
làkòlò troublesome
kolo [kóól] *noun*
 papyrus mat
 CFR **tógòò**
kolo [kòllò] *noun*
 extracting, gouging
kom [kóóm] *noun*
 chair
kom [kòòm] *noun*
 1 body

2 self
kòmmè yòt she is healthy
kòmmè wàc he is lazy
komo [kòmmò] *noun*
 limping
komo [kòmmò] *verb*
 supporting an ill person
kon [kòòn] *verb*
 (to) drip
kona [kónà] *noun*
 corner (ENG)
koni [kòni] *adverb*
 now, soon
kono [kòno] *adverb*
 or
kono [kòno] *conjunction*
 if, had
kònnò nyò if, perhaps
kono [kòno] *noun*
 an adornment added to dance
 headgear usually from ostrich feathers
kong [kòong] *adverb*
 1 first, before
 2 for the time being
kùur kòong first wait
kongo [kòngò] *noun*
 beer
kony [kóony] *noun*
 assistance, help, aid
kony [kòony] *verb*
 (to) help, come to the aid of
kònnýèè helping each other
kònnýò helping
konye [kònnýèè] *verb*
 going to toilet
konyo [kònnýò] *noun*
 helping

koo [kòó] *adverb*
 no, not
koo [kòò] *verb*
 (to) isolate
koo [kòó] *verb*
 bamboo
kop [kòóp] *noun*
 1 issue, matter
 2 dispute
 3 word
kop angò [kòóp ángòò] *noun*
 part of the greeting: 'how are you?'
kopolo [kòpòlò] *noun*
 corporal (ENG)
 ALSO **òbàcà**
kopulo [kòpùlò] *noun*
 padlock
 ARA *ghofoul*
kor [kòór] *noun*
 chest
kòòr òt wall
kòrré his chest
làkòòny kòrré his assistant
kor [kòòr] *noun*
 footprint, trace
kor [kòòr] *verb*
 (to) praise
koro [kòrrò] *verb*
 expelling evil spirits, exorcising
koro [kòró] *noun*
 pen for fowl
kot [kòót] *noun*
 court
kot [kòòt] *noun*
 rain
kot [kòtì] *noun*
 coat (ENG)

koto [kòtò] *noun*
exalting

koyo [kòyò] *noun*
cold

koyo [kòyò] *noun*
adze

koyo [kòyò] *verb*
isolating

ku [kù] *prefix*
(attaches to prepositions to make them adverbials) in the direction of; towards
kù towards - *màlò* up - *kùmàlò* upwards

kub [kùb] *verb*
link things, join things
kùbbēē can be linked up
kùbbò linking thing, joining things

kuc [kùc] *noun*
peace

kud [kùd] *verb*
hold in the mouth

kude [kùddé] *verb*
hiding the self

kudo [kùddò] *noun*
small swelling or rash

kuku [kùkù] *verb*
raising an alarm

kul [kùl] *noun*
kraal
Also **àkùl**

kul [kùl] *noun*
wild pig, warthog

kul [kùl] *verb*
(of the head, eye) lower, bow
kùllēē (of the head, eye) can be lowered, bowed

kùllò bowing the head, or lowering the eyes

kulo [kúló] *adverb*
1 wholly
2 entirely
Also **kúlú**

kulu [kúlú] *adverb*
1 wholly
2 entirely
Also **kúló**

kulu [kùlù] *noun*
1 river
2 water source

kum [kùm] *noun*
1 support
2 empathy

kuman [kúmáán] *adverb*
1 in this manner, this way
2 like this

kumu [kùmmù] *noun*
grieving

kun [kùun] *verb*
refuse, deny
kùnnò refusing

kun [kùun] *adverb*
while, whereas, yet
kùun mǐttòd yet he wants it

kuno [kùnnò] *verb*
taking good care of

kuno [kùnnò] *adverb*
1 there
2 over there
Also **kùnnù**

kupulu [kùpùlù] *noun*
padlock
Also **kòpùlò**

kur [kùr] *adjective*
(of smell) pleasant, sweet

kur [kùr] *verb*
1 (to) wait
2 (to) guard
kùrrā wait for me
kùr kány wait here
kùrrēē can be waited for, guarded
kùrrò waiting for, guarding

kuro [kùrrò] *noun*
waiting

kut [kùt] *noun*
deep centre of the river

kut [kùt] *verb*
1(to) blow
2 (to) fan fire
3 (to) inflate a ball etc
kùttēē can be inflated, blown
kùttò inflating, blowing

kuto [kùttò] *noun*
1 blowing, fanning
2 inflating

kutyelo [kùtyèlò] *adverb*
towards the rear of the house

kwa [kwā] *noun*
descendants
kwāānā my descendants
kwārrā my grandfather; my father in law
kwārrò grandfather
kwārrē his or her grandfather

kwa [kwā] *verb*
(to) beg, entreat
kwāác begging
kwāyyò the act of begging

kwac [kwāác] *noun*
leopard

kwac [kwāác] *verb*
herding

kwac [kwāác] *noun*
begging, imploring

kwadenge [kwādènggè] *noun*
beetle
Also **kàmdénggè**

kwak [kwāák] *adverb*
never

kwak [kwāák] *verb*
(to) embrace

kwak [kwāák] *verb*
(to) hold, add to
kwàkkò adding something to

kwaka [kwākā] *noun*
rat trap
Also **àgwák**, **kwākā**

kwakala [kwākālā] *noun*
rat trap
Also **àgwák**, **kwākā**

kwako [kwàkkò] *noun*
1 adding to
2 embracing

kwál [kwāl] *verb*
(to) steal
kwállēē can be stolen
kwállēē eloping
kwállò the act of stealing
kwòpò theft

kwale [kwállēē] *verb*
1(to) approach stealthily
2 (to) escape

kwalo [kwállò] *noun*
stealing

kwan [kwāān] *verb*
1(to) read
2 (to) study
3 (to) count. *kwānnò dānó* counting people, census
kwāán reading, counting, studying, education

kwánnèè can be counted, read, studied
kwànnò the act of reading, counting, studying
kwan [kwáán] *noun*
 reading, counting, studying, education
kwano [kwànnò] *noun*
 counting, reading
kwang [kwàāng] *verb*
 (to) swim
kwáng swimming
kwánnḡèè can be swum
kwànnḡòḡ swimming across
kwango [kwànnḡò] *noun*
 swimming
kwany [kwàāny] *verb*
 1 (to) take, pick, select
 2 (to) remove from
kwánnnyèè can be removed, picked up
kwànnnyò taking, removing
kwàāny àcéèl take one
kwar [kwàār] *noun*
 red
kwàār píny early in the morning; dawn
kwaro [kwàārrò] *noun*
 progenitors, grandparents
kwat [kwàāt] *verb*
 (to) herd
làkwàt shepherd
kwat [kwàāt] *noun*
 herding
kwaya [kwàýá] *noun*
 espionage
kwayo [kwàýyò] *verb*
 herding

kwayo [kwàýyò] *verb*
 begging
kwe [kwèè] *verb*
 1 (to) cool, cool down
 2 pacify
 3 (of pain) to subsidize
òkwèè manok (the pain) has subsidized a bit
kwéyyè can be cooled, pacified
kwéyyò cooling, pacifying
kwe [kwéé] *adverb*
 1 in vain
 2 not successfully
àkúrrò kwéé I waited in vain
kwe [kwèè] *verb*
 1 (of pain) to subsidize
 2 to calm (down)
 3 to comfort, console
 4 to cool down
kwed [kwèèd] *preposition*
 with, and
kwèddà with me
kwèddí with you
kwek [kwèèk] *verb*
 force open especially a child's mouth for medication
kwèkkèè can be opened
kwèkkò opening
kweko [kwèkkò] *noun*
 forcing open mouth
kwele [kwèlè] *noun*
 prostitution, lust, flirtation
kwene [kwèné] *adverb*
 where
kwer [kwèèr] *verb*
 refuse, reject
kwèrrèè can be rejected
kwèrrò refusal, rejection

kwèr [kwèèr] *verb*
 1 (to) celebrate
 2 (to) observe a ritual
kwèèr celebration ceremony
kwèrrò celebrating
kwèr [kwèèr] *noun*
 celebration, rituals
kwèrì [kwèrì] *noun*
 hoe
kwero [kwèrrò] *noun*
 celebrating
kweyo [kwéyyò] *noun*
 sand
kweyo [kwéyyò] *verb*
 1 pacifying
 2 cooling, cooling down
kwidi [kwìdì] *noun*
 1 worm
 2 maggot
kwil [kwìl] *verb*
 1 (to) whisper
 2 (to) hint discreetly
kwile [kwìlèè] *verb*
 walking stealthily
kwilo [kwìllò] *verb*
 whispering
kwín [kwìín] *noun*
 queen (ENG)
 CFR **dáák kèèr**
kwiny [kwìny] *verb*
 1 (to) dig holes
 2 (to) excavate
kwínnyèè can be dug
kwínnyè dig for him, dig him out
kwínnyò digging, excavating
kwinyo [kwìnnnyò] *noun*
 digging, excavating

kwir [kwìr] *noun*
 poison
kwir [kwìr] *noun*
 1 casting votes
 2 ritual to find out a culprit
bòllò kwìr voting, casting vote
kwiri [kwìrì] *adjective*
 a reliable, sharp, talented, upright person
kwiya [kwíyyá] *adjective*
 having no idea, not knowing, being ignorant
kwo [kwòò] *verb*
 (to) sew, tailor, knit, mend torn clothes
kwo [kwòò] *noun*
 1 living
 2 life
 3 lifestyle
kwóó nē ràc his lifestyle is not good
kwo [kwòò] *noun*
 theft
kwòò ràc theft is bad
làkwòò thief
kwoc [kwòóc] *verb*
 tailoring, sewing, knitting
kwok [kwòòk] *noun*
 sweat, perspiration
kwok [kwòòk] *verb*
 (of food) to go stale
kwok [kwòòk] *verb*
 (to) take along
kwókèè taking with you
kwòkkò taking with you
kwoko [kwòkò] *noun*
 an insect that lives in sorghum stalks

kwoko [kwòkkò] *noun*
 1 marinating
 2 going stale
kwogo [kwògò] *noun*
 tree species
kwon [kwòdòn] *noun*
 1 local bread usually from millet, maize etc flour kneaded in hot water and eaten with a sauce
 2 polenta, dumpling
 ALSO **dèèk**
kwong [kwòdōng] *verb*
 (to) commence, start, begin
kwong [kwòdōng] *verb*
 (to) take an oat, swear
kwònnngèè taking an oath
kwònnngò the act of swearing.
kwor [kwòdòr] *verb*
 1 (to) appear pale due to poor health, hunger
 2 (of children playing in a dusty place) to become pale
kworo [kwòdró] *noun*
 wild cat
kwore [kwòrèrè] *verb*
 winnowing
kwot [kwòdòt] *verb*
 (to) fart
kwòttò farting
kwot [kwòdòt] *noun*
 shield
kwot [kwòdòt] *verb*
 (to) swell
kwoto [kwòdòtò] *verb*
 farting

kwoto [kwòdòtò] *verb*
 backbite, slandering
kwoto [kwòdòtò] *verb*
 swelling
kwoyo [kwòdyyò] *verb*
 sewing
kwòdyyò bòngó sewing clothes
làkwóóc tailor

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la [là-] *prefix*
 used to form occupational or doer nouns
kwòdò theft — **làkwòdò** a thief
 PLU **lù** -
laa [làā] *noun*
 skin, hide
laa [làā] *verb*
 (to) urinate
laa [làā] *noun*
 saliva
lab [làāb] *verb*
 (to) remove or separate stone from grain; winnow
laba [làbá] *noun*
 a plant whose fibre is good for making nets
labac [làbáác] *noun*
 ramrod
labal [làbáāl] *noun*
 guinea fowl trap
 ALSO **làbáál àwénóó**
labala [làbàlà] *noun*
 fish species
labala [làbàlà] *noun*
 part of

bwóllá when the drums are quiet
labele [làbèlè] *noun*
 platform
 ALSO **làbèlè**
labelu [làbèlù] *noun*
 imbecile, mentally disturbed
labeno [làbèno] *noun*
 loin cloth made usually from animal skin for women
labet bet [làbèt bèt] *noun*
 skin loin clothing for men
labika [làbìkà] *noun*
 a spiked weed which sticks on clothing
labiribiri [làbìrìbìrì] *noun*
 bumblebee
labit [làbít] *noun*
 bait
labit [làbít] *adjective*
 foolish
 ARA *abd*
labo [làbbò] *verb*
 skimming
labo [làbò] *noun*
 circle formed by birds flying
labok [làbòk] *adjective*
 (of fowl) brownish
labol [làbòl] *noun*
 1 example
 2 illustration
labolo [làbòlò] *noun*
 1 bananas
 2 plantain
labong [làbòdōng] *noun*
 a person of no royal origin; a comoner
labonga [làbòngá] *noun*

liar
 ALSO **làgòbà**
labongo [làbòdōng] *noun*
 shrubs with good ropes
labongo [làbòdōng] *preposition*
 without
labot [làbòdòt] *noun*
 1 spinster
 2 bachelor
labuka [làbùkà] *noun*
 a large tree species with medicinal use for diarrhoea
labul [làbùl] *noun*
 small intestine
labuma [làbùmá] *noun*
 swindler
labute [làbùtèè] *noun*
 imposter, proud person
labututu [làbùtùtù] *noun*
 mumps
labwam [làbwàmí] *noun*
 swindler
labwor [làbwòdòr] *noun*
 lion
labwori [làbwòrì] *noun*
 a tree species, used in buildings
labwoto [làbwòtó] *noun*
 an expert in cutting open abscess
lac [làác] *noun*
 urine
laac [lààác] *adjective*
 large, broad
lacacar [làcàcàr] *noun*
 extravagant
 ALSO **làcàcàró**
lacaden [làcèdèn] *noun*
 vengeful spirits

lacakacaka [làcàkàcàkà] *noun*
a cowpea sauce seasoned
in unroasted peanut but-
ter

lacam [làcààm] *adjective*
left handed

lacan [làcààn] *noun*
1 a poor person
2 a bachelor

lacanga [làcàngá] *noun*
a bony fish
ALSO ànggàrà

lacara [làcàrà] *noun*
a white foreigner

lacari [làcàrí] *noun*
a thorny tree

lacaro [làcàrròd] *adjective*
having loose morals

lacet [làcààt] *noun*
trader
PLU lùcààt

laceden [làcèén] *adverb*
1 last 2 later

lacek [làcèk] *noun*
dikdik

lacele [làcèlé] *noun*
a kind of dance

lacene [làcéné] *noun*
edible seasonal green grasshop-
per
ALSO òcéné

lacer [làcèèr] *noun*
a plant used for treating
ulcer

lacere [làcèrrèè] *noun*
a stubborn person, does
not heed advice

laco [làcòd] *noun*
a man
PLU còd

lacoc [làcòóc] *noun*
writer

lacoc [làcòóc] *noun*
a sower

lacoco [làcòcò] *noun*
prostitute, lustful or adul-
terous person

lacoï [làcòí] *noun*
beer, to which hot water
is added and sucked through
a pipe

lacol [làcòól] *noun*
peak of a hill
ALSO làcòól gòt

lacola [làcòláj] *noun*
midwife
ALSO làcòlló

lacor [làcór] *noun*
an impostor

lacuc [làcùùc] *noun*
right handed
CFR àcùùc

lacuko [làcùkò] *noun*
fowl crop
ALSO làcùkó gwèndò

lacuko [làcùkò] *noun*
ankle rattles
ALSO làcùkòcùkò

lacung [làcùùng] *noun*
representatives

lacurube [làcùrùbé] *noun*
a fine usually animals im-
posed for taking the wife
of another

lacur [làcùúr] *noun*
sling stone

lacwec [làcwèèc] *noun*
1 creator
2 potter

lacwi [làcwíí] *noun*
a device for sucking blad
blood from an infected part
of the body

ladep [làdèèp] *noun*
flea

ladedet [làdèèt] *noun*
a tiny bird species

ladeyo [làdèyyò] *noun*
dandy

ladidi [làdìdî] *noun*
miser
ALSO làgèèm

ladike [làdìkèè] *noun*
a person who is always late
or delays things

lading [làdìng] *noun*
strainer used especially for
local beer
ALSO àdìng

ladiro [làdìró] *noun*
artisan, craftsman

ladit [làdìt] *noun*
1 old man
2 big man, chief
PLU lùdìttò
làdìtt kóóm chairperson

ladit [làdìt] *noun*
miser

ladum [làdùùm] *noun*
1 interpreter
2 a person well versed in
foreign languages; poly-
got

laduk [làdùúk] *noun*
a stick thrown to scare birds

ladwala [làdwàllá] *noun*
stammer, stratter

ladwar [làdwààr] *noun*
hunter

ladwok [làwòók] *noun*
(of a person) having miss-
ing tooth

ladwong [làdwòóng] *noun*
big man, elder
PLU lùdòngò

lagada [làgàdá] *noun*
reed

lagal [làgààl] *noun*
1 necklace
2 dogcollar

lagalo [làgàló] *noun*
a fly species

lagam [làgààm] *noun*
a basket

lagam [làgààm] *noun*
response, reply, answer

lagama [làgàmā] *noun*
a mentally disturbed per-
son

lagara [làgàrá] *noun*
red locust

lagara [làgàrá] *noun*
ear rings

lagedo [làgèddò] *noun*
builder
PLU lùgèddò

lagelo [làgèlò] *noun*
parrot

lagem [làgèèm] *noun*
miser

lager [làgèèr] *noun*
bow legged

lagingi [làgíngí] *noun*
a nagging person

lagit [làgíít] *noun*
ring
ALSO àgíít

lagoba [làgòbà] *noun*
liar
PLU **lùgòbà**
lagoga [làgògà] *noun*
joker
lagot [làgòt] *noun*
hoe handle
lagut [làgút] *noun*
wagtail
laguti [làgútí] *noun*
an edible variety of mushroom
lagwar [làgwààr] *noun*
zebra
lagwe [làgwéé] *noun*
lizard
lajayi [làjàyí] *noun*
cowpeas mixed with sim-sim paste
lajimo [làjīmò] *noun*
a kind of simsism
lajok [làjòk] *noun*
wizard, witch
PLU **lùjógù**
laju [làjú] *noun*
patches of grass in water
lajwa [làjwàà] *noun*
duiker, oribi
lajwa lak [làjwáà lààk] *noun*
tooth brush
lak [lààk] *noun*
1 tooth
2 tusk
lak [làāk] *verb*
(to) wander, roam
lak [lààk] *noun*
wandering, roaming
lak [lààk] *verb*
to creep, crawl

lak [làāk] *verb*
(to) rinse
lakac [làkàc] *noun*
ostrich feathers
lakaibona [làkàibónà] *noun*
a green female grasshopper
lakaka [làkàkà] *noun*
a lizard species
lakai [làkàì] *noun*
a palace dweller
lakalagwe [làkàlàgwééc] *noun*
swallow
lakalakidi [làkàlàkìdì] *noun*
grass laced into a rope for tying firewood
lakalatwe [làkàlàtweé] *noun*
star
ALSO **làtwéé**
lakap [làkàp] *noun*
diaphragm
lakar [làkààr] *noun*
Y shaped
lakarac [làkààràc] *noun*
a three legged curved stool
lakele [làkèlè] *noun*
the smaller drums in a set
laker [làkéér] *noun*
having a royal blood or connection
lakere [làkèrè] *noun*
a newly born baby, an infant
lakere [làkèrrè] *noun*
a person with a natural teeth gap
laket [làkéét] *noun*
comb
lakeya [làkèyā] *noun*
daughter of one's sister;

my niece
làkèyò being a niece
lakica [làkìcà] *noun*
a kind or merciful person
PLU **lùkìcà**
lakide [làkìdé] *noun*
grass with a bushy head
lakidi [làkìdì] *noun*
stone
ALSO **kìdì**
lakili [làkìlì] *noun*
a nagging child, person
lakilikili [làkìlìkìlì] *noun*
a kind of sauce
lakapiripiri [làkàpìrìpìrì] *noun*
a small bottle used a measurement of local alcohol
ALSO **kàtòp**
lakiribala [làkìribàlà] *noun*
a large grasshopper
ALSO **àtíkò**
lako [làkkò] *verb*
inheritance, levirate
lako [làkkò] *verb*
rinsing
lakobo [làkòbò] *noun*
head gear
ALSO **làkòbé**
lakodo [làkòdò] *noun*
a small granary
lakok [làkòók] *noun*
thatch that is put at the apex
lakol [làkòól] *noun*
a prisoner pegged down
lakologoc [làkòlògòc] *noun*
wooden spoon (metal)
lakucel [làkùcèl] *adverb*
one sidedly

lakucu kucu [làkùcù kùcù] *noun*
small ants
lakuru [làkùrù] *noun*
(of hen) short
ALSO **làkùúr**
lakwal [làkwáál] *noun*
bird species, babbler
lakwana [làkwànà] *noun*
red earth used for the hair
lakwara [làkwàrrá] *noun*
my grandchild
PLU **lùkwàà**
lakwat [làkwààt] *noun*
shepherd
PLU **lùkwààt**
lakwele [làkwèllè] *noun*
a loose girl
PLU **lùkwèlè**
lakwena [làkwènnà] *noun*
messenger
PLU **lùkwènnà**
lakwo [làkwò] *noun*
thief
PLU **lùkwò**
lakwo [làkwò] *noun*
1 survivor
2 a person who enjoys high-life
lakwor [làkwòr] *noun*
enemy
lal [lààl] *verb*
(to) get lost, waste away
lala [làlà] *noun*
cooking utensil (of metal)
lala [làláá] *noun*
a bitter vegetable
lalago [làlágò] *noun*
a large head ornament
lalako [làlákò] *noun*
an inheritor

lalar [làláár] *noun*
saviour
làlárá my saviour
làlárwú your saviour

lalek [làlèk] *noun*
pestle

lalele [làléléè] *noun*
rivulets

lalem [làlèèm] *noun*
ostrich feathers at the bottom of a shield

lalem [làléém] *noun*
a cow without horns

laliya [làliyá] *noun*
a tree species

lalo [làllò] *verb*
1 to spread
2 to squander

laloka [làlòkā] *noun*
a foreigner (usually from across the Nile)
PLU **lùlòká**

lalongo [làlònnýò] *noun*
a rich person; wealthy
PLU **lùlònnýò**

lalar [làlór] *noun*
head gear

laluk [làlùk] *noun*
a cow with the horns bent down

lalur [làlùúr] *noun*
hyena
ALSO **làngwídí**

lalur [làlùúr] *noun*
(of a woman) barren

lalwee [làlwèè] *noun*
a man with one testicle

lam [lààm] *noun*
not enough of a thing

lam [làám] *noun*
1 cursing
2 blessing

lam [làām] *verb*
1 (to) bless
2 (to) curse

lamal [lààmà] *noun*
a mad person, a mental case

lamar [làámáár] *noun*
friend
lààmàrá my friend

lamara [lààmàrà] *noun*
my cousin
lààmàrrò being a cousin

lamele [làméélé] *noun*
a bird species, finch

lamera [là mèrà] *noun*
my sister
là mèrrú your sister
ALSO **là mègù**

lamero [là mèrrò] *noun*
alcoholic, drunkard
PLU **lù mèró**

lamin [là mìn] *noun*
sister
PLU **lù mègò**

laming [là mìn] *noun*
stupid
PLU **lù mìn gò**

lamiru [là mírú] *noun*
slave

lame [là mmèè] *verb*
to curse

lamo [là mmò] *verb*
cursing

lamo [là mmò] *verb*
remove by soaking in water

lamola [là mòlá] *noun*

a simislim like plant grown for its oil

lamluny [là mlúunny] *noun*
a decorative device for a slayer of a big beast

lamone [là mònè] *noun*
an enemy
PLU **lù mònè**

lanek [là nèk] *noun*
a murderer

langala [là ngállá] *noun*
a joker, jester

langangayo [là ngàngàyó] *noun*
grass type with roots eaten by children

langayo [là ngàyó] *noun*
a green grasshopper

langere [là ngèrèè] *noun*
bed
ARA **angerib**

langogo [là ngógó] *noun*
chameleon

langok [là ngók] *noun*
pimples

langolo [là ngòlò] *noun*
a cripple

langoya [là ngòyá] *noun*
a long rope

lalur [là lùúr] *noun*
hyena

languna [là ngúná] *noun*
liar

langwidi [là ngwídí] *noun*
hyena
ALSO **là lùúr**

lagwilo [là gwillò] *noun*
tree species used as poles

lany [là āny] *verb*
(to) waste

lanyal [là nyáál] *noun*
an insect found in water

lanyata [là nyátà] *noun*
earthworm

lanyate [là nyàttèè] *noun*
a proud person

lanyo [là nnyò] *verb*
1 to beat be better, excel
2 squander, waste

lanyate [là nyàttèè] *noun*
a proud person

lanyiri [là nyírí] *noun*
a kind of bracelet

lanyuru [là nyúúrú] *noun*
a baby
ALSO **ònyúú**

lanyut [là nyúút] *noun*
an example

laor [là òr] *noun*
a messenger

laora [là órá] *noun*
a river or brook

lapac [là páác] *noun*
carpenter

lapaco [là páccó] *noun*
a villager, a commoner
ALSO **là tédèrò**

laparanat [là pàrànat] *noun*
a bird species

lapel [là péél] *noun*
patchy

lapel [là pèèl] *noun*
dance ornament

lapele [là pèlè] *noun*
1 restless person
2 hyperactive person

lapidi [là pìddì] *noun*
child minder

lapido [là pìddò] *noun*
plaintiff

lapi [làpí] *noun*
royal messenger

lapi [làpí] *noun*
wood used for starting fire

lapira [làpírá] *noun*
earwig

lapiru [làpírū] *noun*
whilwind

lapit [làpìt] *noun*
nurse

lapiya [làpíyá] *noun*
an instigator

lapok [làpók] *noun*
tilapia

lapoti [làpótí] *noun*
an imitator

lapoya [làpòyá] *noun*
a mentally disturbed person

lapuku [làpùkú] *noun*
a weed

laput [làpùt] *noun*
a malnourished child

laput [làpùt] *noun*
oil lamp

laputa [làpùtá] *noun*
cowpea sauce prepared for a mother of twins

lapwopwo [làpwópwoò] *noun*
butterfly

lar [làár] *verb*
1 (to) save, rescue
2 (to) scramble
3 (to) compete for
làrrèè being saved
làrrò saving, rescuing

lar [làár] *noun*
rescuing, saving

laraka raka [làràkà rákà] *noun*
courtship dance usually for

the youth
ALSO òráák

larem [làrèem] *noun*
friend
làrèmmā my friend

larere [làréré] *noun*
small red lizard

laro [làrò] *noun*
a large stone surface used for drying and threshing grain, especially millet

laro [làrrò] *noun*
1 saving, rescuing
2 scrambling

larok [làròk] *noun*
foreigner
ALSO mètòk
PLU lùròk

larok [làròk] *noun*
an ornamental axe

laromo [làròmó] *noun*
gecko lizard

lare [làrrèè] *verb*
being saved
làrrò quibbling over, saving

larum [làrùum] *noun*
the ribs

larwece [làrwécèè] *noun*
tree whose bark can be used for fishing
ALSO làrwécòò

latam [làtáám] *noun*
handkerchief
ALSO kítàmbàrà

latam [làtáám] *noun*
thinker

latati [làtátí] *noun*
an active restless child

lataya [làtáyá] *adverb*
forever

lated [làtèd] *noun*
cooking utensils

latedo [làtèdò] *noun*
a cook
PLU lùtèdò

latek [làtèék] *noun*
a lazy person who does not want to be sent

latek [làtèk] *noun*
simsim seasoning

latek [làtèék] *noun*
smoking pipe

lateke teke [làtèkè téké] *noun*
grashopper

latel [làtèèl] *noun*
leader
PLU lùtèllà

lateme [làtèmé] *noun*
wild banana

laten [làtèen] *noun*
pillow

latet [làtèèt] *noun*
blacksmith

latin [làtîn] *noun*
child

latok [làtók] *noun*
ladle for dishing food

latong [làtông] *noun*
axe

latwe [làtwéé] *noun*
star
ALSO làkàlàtwé

latwok [làtwók] *noun*
morning star, venus

latworo [làtwóró] *noun*
a bird species, fly-catcher

latyet [làtyèt] *noun*
diviner

lawac kom [làwàc kòm] *noun*
a lazy person

lawala [làwàlà] *noun*
a loop for game

lawang [làwàng] *noun*
representative

lawany [làwàny] *noun*
1 miser
2 expecting other peoples food

lawat [làwàt] *noun*
(of a person) having the qualities of a relative, by making courtesy calls

lawi [làwì] *noun*
head of
làwì lwéeny military leader
làwì mọn leader of women

lawil [làwìl] *noun*
buyer, merchant
PLU lùwìl

lawiny [làwíny] *noun*
1 traditional pleated skirts
2 rags

lawinya [làwìnyà] *noun*
foodstuff mostly of simsim butter mixed with honey etc

lawol [làwòl] *noun*
a poisoner

lawor [làwòr] *noun*
yesterday
làwòrrò mácàà the day after yesterday
ALSO làwòrrò

laworo [làwórró] *noun*
obedient person
PLU lùwórrò

laworo [làwòrrò] *noun*
a miser

lawot [lâwòt] *noun*
a traveller

laworo [lâwòrrò] *noun*
yesterday
ALSO **lâwòr**

layab [lâyáb] *noun*
an opener, key

layak [lâyàk] *noun*
robber

layata [lâyàtà] *noun*
potatoes
ALSO **kìyàtà**

layibi [lâyìbì] *noun*
granary roof lifting pole

layido [lâyìdò] *noun*
a skin disease affecting mostly the joints

layir [lâyíir] *noun*
bewitcher
PLU **lùyíir**

layo [lâyỳò] *verb*
urinating

layom [lâyòòm] *noun*
a circumcised person

layuta [lâyùtà] *noun*
trap for birds

laywa [lâywàà] *noun*
ruining crops through bewitching

laywe [lâywèè] *noun*
broom for the outside

leb [lééb] *noun*
1 tongue
2 language
lébbé kécèc she has a bitter tongue
lééb múnū the whiteman's language; English

leb [lèéb] *verb*
(to) carry

lebe lebe [lèbè lèbè] *adverb*
hanging loosely

lébbèè can be carried

lèbbò to carry

lec [lééc] *noun*
inherit

lede [lédèè] *verb*
to speak continuously

lèddò speaking non stop

lee [lèè] *verb*
inherit, receive

lee [lèè] *noun*
1 animal
2 game

lee [lèè] *noun*
axe

leg [lèèg] *noun*
(to) pray, ask, request, plead

lega [lèggà] *noun*
prayers
lèggò praying

lego [lèggò] *verb*
1 begging
2 praying

lejaleja [lèjà léjà] *noun*
manual work (usually seasonal)

lek [lèék] *noun*
dream
lèkkòdò dreaming

lela [lélá] *noun*
rock

lela [lèlà] *noun*
bicycle

lel [lèlè] *verb*
stir seasoning
lèllò stirring in seasoning

lem [lèém] *noun*
cheek

lem [lèém] *verb*
feeling sick

lèmmò nauseating

lem [lèém] *verb*
1 lick
2 lap

leng [lééng] *adjective*
brand new

leng [lèéng] *verb*
(to) give way
lènggò yòdò giving way

leng [lèéng] *adjective*
1 clean, pure
2 holy
wànnègè lèéng it is clean, she is a good person

lenga [lèngá] *noun*
charm, amulet

lenga [lèngá] *noun*
white or red lilly

lengo [lènnngò] *verb*
1 blow a whistle
2 inflate a ball

leny [lèèny] *noun*
heartburn

leny [lèèny] *verb*
melt, liquefy

ler [lèér] *noun*
artery, vein

lewic [lèwìc] *noun*
shame

leyo [lèyyò] *verb*
1 search
2 snatch

lib [lìb] *verb*
(to) stalk, skim
lìbbò skimming

libira [lìbìrà] *noun*
needle

libo [lìbò] *noun*
(of milk) fresh

lic [lìic] *verb*
(to) thaw

ligo [lìggò] *verb*
to make it no longer sharp, blunt

li [lì] *verb*
(to) pour slowly in trickle

lik [lìik] *adjective*
slow and awkward

lil [lìl] *noun*
charred grass blown by the wind

lil [lìl] *verb*
(to) polish

lilo [lìllò] *verb*
1 polishing
2 levelling

lim [lìim] *adjective*
sweet

lim [lìim] *noun*
1 money
2 wealth
3 bride price

lim [lìim] *verb*
(to) visit, pay a visit to
lìmmò visiting

ling [lìíng] *noun*
a small knife for harvesting millet

ling [lìíng] *noun*
mineral salt
ALSO **kàdò lííng**

ling [lìíng] *verb*
(to) be quiet, silent
lìnnngò being quiet

ling [lìíng] *adverb*
absolutely quiet, still

píng ólùng ní lùng it was absolutely quiet
lingo [línngò] *noun*
 keeping quiet
lir [lĩr] *verb*
 (to) cut into strips
lírreè can be cut into strips
lìrrò cutting into strips
lir [lĩr] *verb*
 (to) hang about, linger, circulate
liro [lìrrò] *noun*
 stripping
lit [lìt] *adjective*
 painful, sore
liyo [liyyò] *verb*
 filtering
lobele [lòbélé] *noun*
 platform
 ALSO *lăbélé*
lobo [lòbò] *noun*
 earth, land, the world
loc [lòc] *noun*
 peg
loc [lòc] *noun*
 governance
loco [lòccò] *verb*
 (to) alternate
lodi [lòdĩ] *noun*
 short Y shaped poles
lomoro [lòmòrò] *noun*
 gizzard
log [lòg] *verb*
 to loosen a rope etc
logule [lògùlè] *noun*
 elbow
 ALSO *òtwééng*
logwete [lògwèté] *noun*
 sling

lok [lòk] *noun*
 word, speech, case
lok [lòk] *verb*
 change, exchange, swap
lókkeè can be exchanged, changed
lòkkò changing, exchanging
loka [lòká] *noun*
 across, other side (usually of a river, lake etc)
loko [lòkkò] *verb*
 changing, exchanging, swapping
lolim [lòlĩm] *noun*
 hornless cow
long [lòng] *verb*
 to winnow
lònnngò bell winnowing
long [lòng] *noun*
 1 trousers (ENG)
 2 *mòtòlòn*
 ARA *motolon*
longo [lòngò] *adverb*
 only
longo [lòngò] *adjective*
 (of noise, voice, speech) clearly audible
lony [lòny] *verb*
 1 (of a child) to increase in size
 2 (of a person) to become rich
lonyo [lònnnyò] *noun*
 riches, fortune, wealth
loo [lò] *verb*
 1 (to) rule, rule over
 2 to conquer
 3 (to) defeat

4 (to) be overcome, defeated
loo [lò] *verb*
 (to) melt, thaw
lor [lòr] *verb*
 (to) shut, close
lòrrò shutting, closing
lor [lòr] *verb*
 (to) push
lòrrò pushing
loro [lòrò] *noun*
 an outdoor rack for putting things on, drying utensils etc
loro [lòrrò] *noun*
 1 shutting, closing
 2 pushing
lot [lòt] *verb*
 (to) sprout, grow
loyo [lòyyò] *verb*
 1 to win
 2 to defeat
 3 to overcome
 4 to exceed
loyo [lòyyò] *noun*
 1 ruling, leading
 2 exceeding 3 defeating
lub [lùb] *verb*
 (to) follow, trace
lubanga [lùbàngà] *noun*
 God
 BNT *ruhanga*
 ALSO *rùbàngà*
lucoro [lùcòrò] *noun*
 a large tree with thorny branches
ludok [lùdòk] *adjective*
 naked
luga [lùgá] *noun*
 a shrub

lugaga [lùgàgà] *noun*
 charm buried to harm
lugogo [lùgògò] *noun*
 papyrus like reeds
lujiko [lùjikò] *noun*
 gonorrhea
luk [lùk] *verb*
 (to) follow
 ALSO *lùūb*
luk [lùk] *noun*
 fine imposed for violating a girl
luk [lùk] *verb*
 (of hair) to overgrow
lukeme [lùkèmə] *noun*
 musical instrument; thumb piano.
luker [lùkéér] *noun*
 of, related to royalty
lukiko [lùkíkò] *noun*
 court
 BNT *lukiko*
lukile [lùkílè] *noun*
 ornamental axe
lukoko [lùkòkò] *noun*
 grass species
lukiro [lùkìrò] *noun*
 taboo
lukulo [lùkùlò] *noun*
 yorghut
lukut [lùkùt] *noun*
 remains of polenta as beer
lukwa [lùkwáà] *noun*
 descendants
lùkwáyā my grandchildren
lulibo [lùlìbbò] *noun*
 terrorists, gangsters
lulu [lùlù] *noun*
 copper bracelets

lunebi [lùnébì] *noun*
 prophets
 ARA *nebi*
 SGL **lànèbì**

lung [lùṅg] *noun*
 slope

lung [lùṅg] *verb*
 (to) bend, lower

lunge [lùṅgèè] *verb*
 round
 lùṅṅò making round

lungo [lùṅṅò] *noun*
 lowering the eye, head down

luny [lùṅy] *verb*
 1 (to) take off clothing
 2 (to) undress
 lùṅnyèè she is undressing
 lùṅnyèèè undressing
 lùṅnyò the act of undressing

lunyo [lùṅnyò] *noun*
 taking off clothes; undressing

lunyodo [lùnyòdò] *noun*
 parents

lunywan [lùnywáán] *noun*
 naked

lupoya [lùpòyá] *noun*
 madmen
 SGL **làpòyá**

lupwonye [lùpwònyé] *noun*
 teachers
 SGL **làpwònyé**

lupwu [lùpwùú] *noun*
 mist, fog

lur [lùúr] *noun*
 being barren, sterile

lur [lùúr] *verb*
 (to) pour slowly in trickle

lure [lúrré] *noun*
 flute

lurogo [lùrògò] *noun*
 a plant

luru [lùrrù] *verb*
 trample

luru [lùrú] *noun*
 dregs

lut [lùùt] *noun*
 stick

lut [lùùt] *verb*
 (to) dip hand etc in a liquid

lúttèè can be dipped

lúttò dipping hand etc

lut [lùùt] *noun*
 fish species; eel

luto [lùttò] *noun*
 dipping hand in

lukot [lùtkòt] *noun*
 lightning

lutori [lùtòrí] *noun*
 plant with prickly leaves

lùù *adverb*
 covered in smoke

lwak [lwààk] *noun*
 1 crowd
 2 herd
 3 multitude
 PLU **lwàkkí**

lwango [lwàngò] *noun*
 fly

lwar [lwáár] *noun*
 grey hair

lweka [lwékà] *noun*
 okra, lady fingers
 ALSO **òtígò**

lweko [lwèkkò] *verb*
 roaming

lweny [lwéeny] *noun*
 fighting, war, battles

lwer [lwèēr] *verb*
 cut trim, prune

lwet [lwéét] *verb*
 nails (finger and toe)

lwi [lwí] *verb*
 whistle

lwi [lwí] *verb*
 (to) escape

lwíic *noun*
 whistling

lwíiny *verb*
 1 (to) dive (into water)
 2 (to) sink

lwinyo [lwínyò] *noun*
 1 diving
 2 sinking

lwir [lwíir] *verb*
 (to) not conceive easily

lwírròd prolonged period of not bearing

lwit [lwíit] *noun*
 charm, amulet

lwit [lwíit] *noun*
 root

lwiyo [lwíyyò] *noun*
 whistling

lwob [lwòòb] *verb*
 (to) tie

lwóbbèè can be tied

lwòbbò tying

lwobo [lwòbbò] *noun*
 tying

lwoc [lwóóc] *noun*
 fog, mist

lwok [lwòòk] *verb*
 (to) wash

lwòkkò washing

lwoko [lwòkkò] *verb*
 1 seeing off a guest
 2 washing

lwoko [lwòkkò] *noun*
 washing

lwong [lwòṅg] *verb*
 (to) call, summon

lwòṅṅò summoning

lwongo [lwòṅṅò] *noun*
 summoning, calling

lwor [lwòòr] *verb*
 (to) respect

lwóró **béèr** respect is good

lwòrréè showing respect

lwórròd the act of respecting

lwor [lwòòr] *verb*
 (to) fear

lwòrrò **ràc** fear is a bad thing

lwor [lwòòr] *adjective*
 fearful

lworo [lwòrrò] *noun*
 respecting

lworo [lwòrrò] *noun*
 fear

lworo [lwòrrò] *noun*
 fearing

lya [lyàà] *adverb*
 in long shreds

lyak [lyáák] *noun*
 root
 ALSO **lwíit**

lyako [lyàkkò] *verb*
 (to) grind till smooth

lye [lyèè] *noun*
 recently scorched ground
 ALSO **lyèèk**
 CFR **ráá**

lyec [lyèèc] *noun*
 elephant

lyedi [lyèdɪ] *noun*
razor blade

lyek [lyèèk] *noun*
a piece of land with grass
recently burnt
ALSO **lyèè**

lyel [lyèèl] *noun*
grave tomb
lyèllèè his grave
lyèlli the late, the deceased

lyel [lyèèl] *verb*
1 (of fire torch) to burn
2 set fire to
lyéél is burning
lyèllò setting it on fire

lyel [lyèèl] *verb*
shave
lyèllò shaving

lyelo [lyèllò] *noun*
1 shaving
2 setting alight

lyer [lyéér] *noun*
structure on which simsim
is dried

lyer [lyèèr] *verb*
to cook vegetables, usu-
ally with a minimum of
seasoning

lyere [lyèrréè] *verb*
swing (from tree to tree)

lyet [lyèèt] *verb*
(to) warm up, heat up
lyéttèè can be warmed up,
heated up
lyèttò warming up, heat-
ing up.

lyet [lyèèt] *adjective*
hot

lyeto [lyèttò] *noun*
warming up, heating up

lyono [lyòno] *noun*
a plant with a tuber

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ma [mā] *pronoun*
the one which
mā bēèr a good one

maa [māā] *verb*
1 (to) take by force
2 (to) confiscate
3 (to) mug

maa [māā] *noun*
my mother
CFR **mènní** your mother

mabuc [mābúùc] *noun*
prison
ARA *maboush*

mabur [mābúúr] *noun*
steamer
ARA *babour*

mabura [mābūrā] *noun*
file, for sharpening
ARA *mafura*

mac [māac] *noun*
1 fire
2 light

mac [māác] *noun*
robbery, confiscation

maca [mācāā] *adverb*
that one

macalo [mācálo] *adverb*
for example, like, as

mad [māād] *verb*
1 (to) swab, clean wound
2 (to) massage
màddèè can be swabbed

màddí swab

màddò swabbing

mado [màddò] *noun*
swabbing

madara [màdàrà] *noun*
1 sun glasses
2 mirror
ARA *nadara*

maga [màgà] *adverb*
full of a river overflowing

majan [màjàn] *noun*
weighing scale
ARA *wazaan*

majan cai [màjàn cáfi] *noun*
tea leaves
SWA *majan*

mak [māāk] *verb*
1 (to) hold, catch
2 (to) capture, arrest
3 (to) be afflicted by an ill-
ness

4 (to) take care of a home,
manage a family
5 (to) catch fish

mákkèè can be held, cap-
tured, arrested

màkkò holding, catching,
arresting

màkkò rééc fishing

maka [mākāā] *noun*
charcoal
SWA *makaa*

makatala [mākátálà] *noun*
work to be completed at
a fixed time
SWA *maktala*

makatap [mākátàp] *noun*
court
ARA *makhtaab*

mako [màkkò] *verb*
1 (of a person) to spend
time in prison, incarcerated
2 to acquire qualities
3 to be caught

mako [màkkò] *noun*
catching

mal [māàl] *verb*
(to) wander aimlessly

mal [māāl] *verb*
(to) fry

málāgò *noun*
spoon
ARA *malaga*

malakwang [màlàkwāàng] *noun*
sour tasting vegetable

malaya [màláyà] *noun*
harlot, prostitute
SWA *malaya*

maleria [màlérìà] *noun*
malaria (ENG)

mali [máli] *noun*
wealth
ARA *maal*

man [māàn] *demonstrative*
this

malo [màló] *preposition*
up

man [māàn] *noun*
scrotum

man [māān] *verb*
(to) go around, circumvent
mànnèè going around
mànnò going round

many [māāny] *verb*
(to) glance around, survey
the surrounding

mar [māār] *verb*
(to) love, like

márrèè can be loved, lovable
màrrò loving
mar [máár] *noun*
 love
mará [màrrá] *pronoun*
 my mother in law
màrrò being a mother in law
màrrè his mother in law
marina [màrinà] *noun*
 dance costume
maro [màrrò] *noun*
 liking, loving
maro [màrò] *noun*
 being a mother in law
maro [màrrò] *noun*
 loving
mat [mààt] *verb*
 1 (to) drink
 2 (to) smoke
mààt pî drink water
máttèè can be drunk
màttò drinking
mat [mààt] *noun*
 1 drinking
 2 smoking
matapwal [màtàpwáli] *noun*
 bricks
 SWA *matafali*
matata [màtátà] *noun*
 problems trouble
 SWA *matata*
mato [màttò] *noun*
 drinking
mayiro [máyyirò] *noun*
 mile
 (ENG)
me [mé] *preposition*

for, with
mé cāām for eating
med [mèèd] *verb*
 1 add
 2 increase
mèèd máac increase the fire
mèddā add to me
mèddē add to him
mèddèè can be added
mèddò adding, increasing
medo [mèddò] *noun*
 adding, increasing
mee [mèè] *verb*
 1 (to) thaw
 2 (to) melt
mee [méé] *noun*
 1 thawing
 2 melting
meço [mèçò] *noun*
 motherhood
meja [méjà] *noun*
 table
 SWA *mezaa*
meja [méjà] *noun*
 major, the rank (ENG)
mel [mèèl] *noun*
 steamer
mel [mèél] *noun*
 without rain
membra [mémbrà] *noun*
 member (ENG)
 ALSO *làmémbà*
 PLU *lùmémbà*
meni [mèní] *noun*
 your mother
meno [mèno] *pronoun*
 that one
mer [mèèr] *noun*
 getting used to; making friendship

mer [mèèr] *verb*
 (to) get drunk
mèrró being drunk, getting drunk
mera [mèrá] *pronoun*
 mine
mere [mèréè] *verb*
 boasting
meri [mèrí] *pronoun*
 yours
mero [mèrró] *noun*
 getting drunk, being drunk
merok [mèròk] *noun*
 foreigner
 ALSO *làròòk*
meny [mèeny] *verb*
 (to) ignite, light, switch on
meyo [mèyyò] *verb*
 (of fire) to keep it going, spreading
meyo [mèyyò] *verb*
 melting, thawing
meyo [mèyyò] *verb*
 (to) make one feel sick especially after eating a sweet thing, nauseating
mic [míc] *noun*
 gift, present
mica [mícà] *noun*
 mass
 ITA *messà*
mican [mícān] *noun*
 (of church) mission (ENG)
 ALSO *mícòon*
micon [mícòon] *noun*
 (of church) mission (ENG)
 ALSO *mícān*
mida [mídá] *noun*
 a skin disease

mido [mìddò] *verb*
 (to) exude, extend out disproportionately
mi [mĩ] *verb*
 (to) give, offer
mi [mĩ] *verb*
 (of eye) to close
mil [mĩl] *verb*
 (to) glitter, sparkle
mile [mĩlè] *noun*
 salt
 ARA *mile*
 ALSO *kàdò*
min [mĩn] *noun*
 mother
mĩnná my mother
mĩnnèè the mother, her mother
min [mĩn] *noun*
 the female of
mĩn dyàáng cow
min [mĩn] *adjective*
 big, huge
mĩn gòdò a big hill
min [mĩn] *verb*
 (to) twist, twirl
ming [mĩng] *adjective*
 foolish, stupid
minyo [mĩnyò] *noun*
 suet
miri [mĩrí] *noun*
 government
mĩrí *noun*
 charcoal
 ALSO *bíló, màkáàr*
mit [mít] *noun*
 desire, liking, love
mit [mĩt] *verb*
 like, desire, love
míttèè desirable, necessary

mítí desire, like
mìttò desiring
mit [mìt] *adjective*
 1 (of food) tasty
 2 (of a speech) good
miti [mítí] *noun*
 desire, desiring
mito [mìttò] *noun*
 liking, desiring
miya [míyà] *noun*
 hundred
 SWA *mia*
miyo [mìyyò] *verb*
 giving
miyo [mìyyò] *verb*
 closing the eyes or clasp-
 ing the hands
mo [mòdò] *noun*
 1 oil
 2 fat
 3 ghee, butter
mòdò nyìim simsim oil
mo [mòdò] *noun*
 pulp
mo [mòdò] *adverb*
 somewhere, anywhere, wher-
 ever
mo [mòdò] *adverb*
 some
mìyā mòdò give me some
moo [mòdò] *verb*
 put out to dry
móóc drying out
mòyyò spreading out to
 dry **mònnò** drying
mok [mòòk] *verb*
 (to) light, kindle
mòòk mààc ignite fire
mókkèè can be ignited
mòkkò igniting fire

mok [mòòk] *verb*
 eating powdery stuff, lap
mòòk cùkàrì lap sugar
mókkèè can be lapped
mòkkò lapping
moko [mókó] *adverb*
 some
 ALSO **mógó**
moko [mòkò] *noun*
 flour
mòkò mòkò powdery
moko [mòkkò] *noun*
 lighting fire
moko [mòkkò] *noun*
 taking in powdery stuff
mol [mòòl] *verb*
 1 flow
 2 float
mòllò flowing, being car-
 ried by water
molo [mòllò] *noun*
 flowing, floating
mon [mòòn] *verb*
 being in warring terms
mon [mòòn] *noun*
 1 wives
 2 women
 CFR **dákòdò** — woman, wife
mono [mònò] *noun*
 food reserved for future
 use in a granary
mono [mònò] *adverb*
 (used to question) ability,
 whereabouts
én mónò òbìnnò has she come?
mono [mònnò] *verb*
 exposing secret
mor [mòòr] *verb*
 expose the eyes, stare un-
 flinchingly

mor [mòòr] *verb*
 1 roar
 2 thunder
pííny mòòr it is thunder-
 ing.
moro [mòrò] *noun*
 soldier ants
moro [mòrrò] *noun*
 staring unflinchingly
mot [mòòt] *adjective*
 1 slow, gentle
 2 quiet
mot [mòòt] *verb*
 (to) greet
móttèè can be greeted
mòtté to greet her
mòttò the act of greeting
mot [mòòt] *noun*
 greeting, greetings
moto [mòttò] *noun*
 greeting
motoka [mòttòkà] *noun*
 motorcar (ENG)
moyo [mòyyò] *verb*
 spreading out to dry
mucara [mùcàrà] *noun*
 wages, pay, salary
 SWA *msara*
mucoro [mùcòrò] *noun*
 taxes, taxation
 SWA *msoro*
mucumar [mùcùmáár] *noun*
 nail (for house building)
 ARA *musmaar*
mucumen [mùcùménì] *noun*
 saw
mugana [mùgánnà] *noun*
 rafter on a house
muganga [mùgàngà] *noun*
 gunpowder

mugati [mùgàtì] *noun*
 bread
 SWA *mugati*
muindi [mùíndì] *noun*
 Indian
mujula [mùjúlá] *noun*
 unmarried man; bachelor
muk [mùük] *verb*
 1 (to) break a piece off, slice
 a bit off
 2 (to) uproot
mùkkù lààk uprooting tooth
mùkkèè can be uprooted,
 broken off
mùkkù uprooting, break-
 ing a piece off
mukeka [mùkèkà] *n*
 mat
mukene [mùkēnēè] *demonstra-*
tive
 another one
muku [mùkkù] *noun*
 uprooting, extracting
mukungu [mùkúnggù] *noun*
 a junior chief, just below
 'jago'
 BNT *mkungu*
mul [mùül] *verb*
 1 (to) touch
 2 (to) crawl
mùllò crawling, touching
mulo [mùllò] *noun*
 crawling, touching
munero [mùneró] *noun*
 naked
 ALSO **lùdòók**, **lùneró**
muno [mùno] *noun*
 a white person
 PLU **mùnnì**
 ALSO **òtárá**

mung [mùũng] *verb*
 1 (to) deny doing a thing
 2 (to) refuse to divulge, keep a thing a secret
múnngeè can be kept a secret, concealed
mùnnngò concealing, keeping a thing a secret

mung [múũng] *noun*
 secret

mungo [mùnnngò] *noun*
 keeping a thing a secret

muny [mùũny] *verb*
 (to) swallow
mùũny yáat swallow the medicine
múnnnyèè can be swallowed
mùnnnyò swallowing

munyo [múnyòò] *adverb*
 at this period, these days

munyo [mùnnnyò] *noun*
 swallowing

mupira [mùpíra] *noun*
 1 football
 2 football match, game
 3 balls in general
 SWA *mpira*

mur [múúr] *noun*
 vagina
 ALSO **tùun**

mur [mùūr] *verb*
 1 (to) warm up, heat up food
 2 (to) boil water, tea
mùūr déèk warm up the sauce
múrrèè can be warmed up, heated
mùrrò heating up, warming up

muro [mùrrò] *noun*

boiling, warming, heating up

mut [muut] *adverb*
 an action with single movement

muwu [mùwù] *pronoun*
 yours
 ALSO **méwū**

mwa [mwàà] *adverb*
 in vain

mwaka [mwàká] *noun*
 1 year
 2 age

mwaro [mwàrrò] *verb*
 pinching a huge amount of polenta

mwoc [mwòòc] *verb*
 (to) burst and make a loud noise

mwoc [mwòòc] *noun*
 praise names

mwoc [mwóóc] *noun*
 labour pains

mwoc [mwòòc] *verb*
 shouting out the praise names

mwod [mwòòd] *verb*
 (to) eat

mwòddèè can be eaten, edible

mwòddò eating

mwode [mwòddèè] *verb*
 (of stomach) to ache

mwodo [mwòddò] *verb*
 collecting, gathering firewood

mwodo [mwòddò] *noun*
 eating

mwodo [mwòòd] *noun*
 grass for compound

mwok [mwóók] *noun*
 antbear, anteater

mwol [mwòl] *adjective*
 1 gentle
 2 kind hearted

mwòllò gentleness kind heartedness

mwolo [mwòllò] *noun*
 gentleness, politeness

mwone [mwònnè] *verb*
 take to flight

mwono [mwònnò] *verb*
 plastering a house

mwony [mwòòny] *verb*
 (to) swallow

mwony [mwòòny] *noun*
 war, battle

mwonya [mwónyā] *adjective*
 pleasing, good looking to me

mwonyo [mwònyó] *noun*
 a tree species

mwonyo [mwònnnyò] *verb*
 swallowing

mwot [mwóót] *noun*
 joints

myel [myèèl] *verb*
 1 dance
 2 shake, tremble
cínngé tyéè kà myèèl her hands are shaking.

myèllò dancing, shaking

myel [myèèl] *noun*
 dance

myelo [myèllò] *noun*
 1 dancing

2 shaking of hands etc

myen [myèèn] *verb*
 (to) stir flour in hot water to make polenta, knead

myèèn kwòòn knead polenta
myènnèè can be kneaded
myènnè knead (it) for her
myènnò kneading

myeno [myènnò] *noun*
 kneading

myero [myèèrò] *adverb*
 1 supposedly
 2 suitable
 3 should

N n

na [nā] *pronoun*
 1 the full form of the first person singular pronoun; 'I'
 2 belonging to me; mine
bòngònā my clothes
 CFR *ā*; the short form

na [nāā] *verb*
 1 (to) tilt slightly
 2 (to) bend slightly
nāā mánóòk tilt it slightly

nak [nāāk] *verb*
 1 (to) transplant
 2 (to) replant
 3 (to) uproot
nākkèè can be transplanted, uprooted
nākkò transplanting, uprooting

nak [nāāk] *noun*
 a wall cupboard

naka [nākā] *noun*
 winged termite species that come out during the day rather than at night

naka [nàkà] *conjunction*
until
kùrrā nàkà àdòdò wait until I arrive
naka naka [nàkà nàkà] *adverb*
forever
naka nen [nàkà nèen] *adverb*
earlier in the day
nake [nàkkèè] *verb*
bending
nake [nàkèè] *verb*
can be transplanted
nako [nàkkò] *noun*
uprooting
nàkkò lààk extracting tooth
nal [nàāl] *verb*
(to) bend downwards
nállèè can be bent
nàllò bending
nam [nààm] *noun*
river, lake, sea
namba [námábá] *noun*
number (ENG)
namo [námmodò] *verb*
chatting, conversation
nang [nàāng] *verb*
1 (to) lick
2 (to) lap
nánnggèè can be lapped.
nànnngò lapping
nanga [nàngà] *noun*
a small stringed musical instrument
nango [nàngò] *noun*
lapping
nayo [nàyyò] *verb*
to push, push aside
nedo [nèdò] *noun*
malnutrition

nek [nèèk] *verb*
1 (to) kill, murder
2 (of light) put off, switch off, extinguish
3 (to) destroy, smash
nèkkèè can be killed
nèkkè kill her
nèkkò killing, switching off, destroying
nek [nèèk] *verb*
1 (to) feel pangs of hunger
2 (to) feel cold
kèèc nèkkòdò she is hungry
kòyyò nèkkà I am feeling cold
nek [nèèk] *noun*
murder, homicide, killing
neko [nèkkò] *noun*
feel hungry, cold
neko [nèkkò] *noun*
murder, killing
nen [nèèn] *verb*
1 (to) see, look
2 (to) experience. *nènnò cààn* suffering, enduring suffering
nénngèè can be seen
nènnò seeing, experiencing
nen [nèèn] *adjective*
visible
nene [nèné] *adverb*
in the past
nenò [nènnò] *noun*
seeing, watching, looking, observing
nep [nèèp] *adjective*
soft, flexible
ner [nèèr] *verb*
wither, wittle

ner [nèèr] *noun*
mother's brother; maternal uncle
nèrrá my uncle
nèrrú your uncle
nèrrò being an uncle
ni [ní] *pronoun*
that
niang [niāng] *verb*
(to) understand
níānnngèè can be understood, understandable
niānnngò understand, understanding
niang [niāng] *noun*
understanding
niango [niāngò] *noun*
understanding
nid [niǐd] *verb*
(to) tie
níddèè can be tied
níddò tying
nido [niǐddò] *noun*
tying
nin [niǐn] *verb*
(to) sleep
nino [niǐnnò] *noun*
sleeping
nino [niǐnnò] *noun*
day
ninò dūwèè day of the month
ninnò àcèél one day
ninga [niǐngá] *noun*
a black monkey species
ning [niǐng] *verb*
(to) close one eye
ningo [niǐ ngò] *adverb*
1 (in greetings) how are you?
2 that what

nok [nòk] *adjective*
not enough, small, a few
nono [nòno] *adverb*
1 without cause or reason
2 for no apparent reason
nong [nòng] *verb*
(to) find, get, achieve
nònnngèè can be found
nònnngò finding, getting
nongo [nòngò] *noun*
finding, getting
not [nòòt] *verb*
1 (to) kiss
2 (to) suck
nòttò sucking
noto [nòttò] *noun*
sucking, kissing
nota [nòtà] *noun*
depression, valley
nucu [nùcù] *noun*
half
ARA *noush*
nud [nùūd] *verb*
(to) make porridge
nùddò making porridge
nude [nùddèè] *verb*
worn out
nudo [nùddò] *noun*
1 stirring
2 tilting
nukta [nùkùttà] *noun*
letter
ARA *nukta*
numu [nùmù] *adjective*
1 raw
2 fresh
3 unripe
4 (of a child) born prematurely

nung [nùũng] *verb*
entertain

nwààng *adjective*
1 tough; not soft
2 tenacious

nweng [nwèẽng] *verb*
(to) climb especially a long pole or tree effortlessly

nwo [nwòò] *verb*
1 (to) repeat, do again
2 (to) reiterate
nwónnèè can be repeated
nwónnèè repeating it
nwòyyò repeating

nwoyo [nwòyyò] *noun*
repeating, repetition, duplication

Ng ng

nga [ngà] *pronoun*
who, whom. *ngà mûwàccò*
who said it?

nga [ngàã] *verb*
(to) make jokes
ngálá jokes

ngaa [ngàã] *verb*
(to) place lying on the back

ngab [ngàãb] *verb*
(to) hang up
ngàãb málò hang it up
ngábbèè can be hung up
ngàbbò hanging up

ngabo [ngàbbò] *noun*
hanging a thing up

ngaca [ngàcà] *adverb*
lying down unrestrained

ngad [ngàãd] *verb*
1 (to) trim
2 (to) cut off top bits
ngáddèè can be trimmed
ngàddò trimming

ngad [ngàãd] *verb*
(to) stretch

ngadi [ngàdì] *pronoun*
this person

ngado [ngàddò] *noun*
trimming

ngak [ngàãk] *verb*
(to) turn, make a detour

ngak [ngàãk] *verb*
(to) grind coarsely

ngal [ngàãl] *verb*
(to) tease, make fun of, ridicule
ngállèè can be made fun of
ngàllò making fun of

ngalo [ngàllò] *verb*
to cork a gun

ngalo [ngàllò] *verb*
(to) sprain

ngàllò *verb*
(to) eat polenta without sauce

ngam [ngàãm] *verb*
(to) open, especially the mouth

ngamo [ngàmmò] *noun*
opening the mouth widely

ngamo [ngàmmò] *verb*
yawning

ngan [ngàãn] *verb*
(to) pinch a handful of polenta

ngany [ngàãny] *verb*
waddle away, move away

ngaro ngaro [ngàrò ngàrò] *adverb*
verb not softly cooked; crunchy

ngat [ngàãt] *verb*
to boast
ngàttèè boasting

ngati [ngàtì] *pronoun*
someone, somebody
ALSO **ngàttíí**, **ngààt**

ngawo [ngàwò] *adjective*
brittle

ngayo [ngàyyò] *verb*
place with the face up

nge [ngèè] *verb*
(to) know

nge [ngèè] *noun*
back part of a thing; back

ngec [ngèèc] *noun*
alligator

ngec [ngèéc] *noun*
knowledge

nget [ngèèt] *verb*
(to) annoy, irritate
ngèttò irritating

ngeto [ngèttò] *noun*
irritating

ngeyo [ngèyyò] *verb*
having knowledge of; knowing

ngib [ngiĩb] *verb*
(to) nibble
ngibbò nibbling

ngic [ngiĩc] *noun*
cold, cool, chill

ngi [ngiĩ] *verb*
1 (to) inspect
2 (to) examine
ngínnèè can be examined

ngic [ngiĩc] *noun*
inspection

ngid [ngiĩd] *verb*
(to) cut into small bits; slice

ngíddèè can be sliced
ngíddò slicing

ngido [ngíddò] *noun*
slicing

ngi [ngiĩ] *verb*
1 (to) get used to
2 (to) get acquainted to

ngil [ngiĩl] *verb*
(to) roll about
ngíllèè is rolling about
ngillò rolling about

ngili [ngílí] *noun*
a plant with a tuber

ngiliri [ngílírí] *noun*
ear rings

ngilo [ngíllò] *noun*
rolling about

ngimo [ngímmò] *verb*
nibbling

nginingini [ngìni ngíní] *noun*
tiny black ants

nginy [ngiĩny] *verb*
(to) rub

ngir [ngíír] *adjective*
obstinate

ngito [ngíttò] *verb*
(to) drizzle

ngiyo [ngiyyò] *noun*
examining

ngo [ngò] *pronoun*
what

ngo [ngòò] *verb*
1 to become watery
2 (of the eyes) to become watery

ngo [ngòò] *verb*
(to) divert, put a few aside

ngo [ngòò] *verb*
fear, fright

ngob [ngòḁb] *verb*
(to) alternate
ngoc [ngòḁc] *verb*
leave behind
ngod [ngòḁd] *verb*
(to) pull up
ngok [ngòḁk] *verb*
(to) vomit
ngòkkò vomiting
ngok [ngóók] *noun*
1 vomit
2 vomiting
ngok [ngòḁk] *verb*
(of plants) to yield
ngoko [ngòkkò] *noun*
vomiting
ngol [ngòḁl] *verb*
(to) become deformed, crippled, maimed
ngol [ngòḁl] *verb*
(to) cut
ngóllèè can be cut
ngòllò cutting
ngol [ngòḁl] *verb*
1 (to) pass via
2 (to) takes a short cut
ngolo [ngòllò] *noun*
being crippled
ngolo [ngòllò] *noun*
1 cutting
2 reaching a decision in a court; passing a verdict
ngolo [ngòllò] *verb*
1 passing a judgment
2 taking a short cut
3 cutting
ngom [ngòḁm] *noun*
earth, land, soil
ngon [ngòḁn] *adverb*
well bred

ngon [ngòḁn] *verb*
boo
ngónéè can be booed
ngonge [ngòngè] *noun*
otter
ngòngò *verb*
peeping
ngor [ngòḁr] *verb*
cowpeas
ngot [ngòḁt] *verb*
have sex
ngòttèè having sex
ngòttò having sex, making love.
ngot [ngóót] *noun*
intercourse
ngoto [ngòttò] *noun*
having intercourse
nguko [ngùkkò] *verb*
catch a person in an awkward moment; intrude upon
ngul [ngùḁl] *verb*
spit
ngùllò spitting
ngulo [ngùllò] *noun*
spitting
ngun [ngùḁn] *verb*
1 (to) split off
2 (to) snap off
3 (to) break off
ngun [ngùḁn] *verb*
(to) cut, saw, break a bit off
ngùnnèè can be cut off
ngùnnò telling lies.
ngun [ngùḁn] *verb*
tell lies
ngùnnò telling lies
nguna [ngùnná] *noun*
deception, lies

nguno [ngùnnò] *noun*
1 cutting
2 telling lies
nguc [ngùḁny] *verb*
disappear suddenly
nguno [ngùnnò] *noun*
telling lies, sawing
ngur [ngùḁr] *verb*
(of a hoe blade etc) wear out
ngur [ngùḁr] *verb*
lion
ALSO **làbwòḁr**
ngu [ngùḁ] *noun*
wild beasts usually of the cat family
ngut [ngùḁt] *noun*
neck, wrist
ngut [ngùḁt] *verb*
(to) show remorse
nguny [ngwùḁny] *noun*
anus
ALSO **ngwìny**, **ngwìny** *cèèt*
ngwak [ngwàāk] *verb*
(to) bite lightly
ngwe [ngwèḁ] *verb*
1 (to) smell
2 (to) sniff
ngwe [ngwèḁ] *adjective*
emitting a smell; smelly
ngwec [ngwèḁc] *noun*
flight, race
ngwec [ngwèḁc] *verb*
race
ngwec [ngwèḁc] *noun*
smell
ngweco [ngwèccò] *noun*
running
ngwed [ngwèḁd] *verb*
pluck

ngwèddèè can be plucked
ngwèddò plucking
ngwedo [ngwèddò] *noun*
plucking
ngwek [ngwèḁk] *verb*
decorate adorn
ngweko [ngwèkkò] *noun*
decorating
ngwel [ngwèḁl] *verb*
open widely
ngwèḁl wánnngí Open your eyes wide
ngwelo [ngwèllò] *verb*
1 to swallow a huge amount of food at ago
2 to pass a big stool
ngwen [ngwèḁn] *noun*
edible winged termites
ngweny [ngwèḁny] *verb*
1 pinch
2 tweak, scratch
3 (to) get some polenta with the hands
ngwènnnyèè pinching the self or each other
ngwènnnyèè can be pinched
ngwènnnyò pinching
ALSO **ngwìny**
ngwenyo [ngwènnnyò] *noun*
pinching
ngwer [ngwèḁr] *verb*
(to) cut into small pieces, slice
ngwèḁr bóḁ slice the vegetables
ngwèrrèè can be cut
ngwèrrò cutting
ngwero [ngwèrrò] *noun*
cutting, shredding

ngwete [ngwèttèè] *verb*
(to) struggle to do a difficult thing
ngweyo [ngwèyyò] *noun*
1 smelling
2 sniffing
ngwiil *verb*
peep through a gap
ngwilo [ngwillò] *noun*
peeping
ngwiny [ngwiiny] *noun*
anus
ALSO **ngùuny**, **ngwiiny** *cèèt*
ngwiny [ngwiiny] *verb*
(to) pinch
ALSO **ngwèeny**
ngwinyo [ngwinyò] *noun*
pinching
ngwir [ngwiir] *verb*
(to) insist
ngwiro [ngwirrò] *noun*
insisting

Ny ny

nya [nyàà] *noun*
daughter
ALSO **nyáár**
nyàrrá my daughter
nyàà rwòt daughter of the chief
nyànì this girl, you girl
nya [nyàà] *verb*
1 (of disease) to spread
2 (of a thing) to multiply, increase
nyàyyò spreading, multiplying, increasing

nyab [nyààb] *adjective*
lazy
ALSO **nyààb**, **wààc**
nyabo [nyàbbò] *noun*
laziness
nyac [nyààc] *noun*
1 yaws
2 syphilis
nyac [nyáác] *noun*
increasing
nyaga [nyàgā] *noun*
leopard
nyak [nyàāk] *verb*
(to) yield, bear fruit
nyàkkò bearing fruit
nyakacuna [nyàkàcùnà] *noun*
smallpox
nyako [nyákòd] *noun*
girl
ALSO **ànyáká**
PLU **ànyirà**
nyako [nyàkkò] *noun*
bearing fruit
nyal [nyààl] *noun*
rust
nyal [nyàāl] *verb*
(to) tease, make jokes
nyalo [nyàllò] *noun*
teasing
nyàmmò *verb*
1 chew
2 deliberate over
nyampara [nyàmpàrà] *noun*
1 headman
2 foreman
nyang [nyààng] *noun*
crocodile
nyango [nyàngò] *noun*
morning hours; around 7-9 am

nyany [nyàāny] *verb*
(of knife, spear etc) to become blunt
nyanya [nyányà] *noun*
tomatoes
nyap [nyààp] *adjective*
lazy
ALSO **nyààb**, **wààc**
nyar [nyáár] *noun*
pubic hair
nyar [nyáár] *noun*
udder
nyar [nyàār] *verb*
(of grass, hair etc) to cut
nyàrrèè can be cut
nyàrrò cutting, trimming
nyaro [nyàrrò] *noun*
cutting, trimming
nyat [nyàāt] *verb*
(to) spear repeatedly
nyate [nyàttèè] *verb*
boasting
nyato [nyàttò] *verb*
to do over and over; repeat
nyayo [nyàyyò] *verb*
multiplying, increasing
nye [nyèè] *interjection*
hey
nyeb [nyèèb] *verb*
get it used to, familiarize
nyèbbèè can be familiarized
nyèbbò familiarising
nyeb [nyèbbò] *noun*
being familiar with
nyed [nyèèd] *verb*
talk, walk do a thing arrogantly

nyedo [nyèddò] *verb*
balance water pot on the haed without holding
nyek [nyèèk] *noun*
jealousy, envy
nyèkkèè a woman with whom one shares a husband; co-wife
nyeko [nyèkkò] *noun*
jealousy, envy
nyel [nyèèl] *verb*
to cut around
nyelo [nyèlò] *noun*
python
ALSO **nyálò**
nyelo [nyèllò] *noun*
cutting around, trimming the edges
nyen [nyèèn] *adjective*
new
nyenye [nyényé] *noun*
cockroach
nyee [nyèè] *pronoun*
person
nyèrrì this man
nyèccà that man
nyer [nyèèr] *verb*
laugh
nyèrrèè can be laughed at, laughable
nyèrrè laugh at him
nyèrrò laughing at
nyero [nyèrrò] *noun*
laughter
nyet [nyèèt] *verb*
(of saliva) to jettison
nyèttèè jettisoning
nyèttèè to jettison
nyèttò jettisoning

nyeto [nyèttò] *noun*
jettisoning

nyib [nyìb] *verb*
cut, trim

nyibo [nyìbbò] *noun*
trimming, cutting

nyig [nyíig] *noun*
1 seeds, grain, fruit
2 bullet
3 eye ball
nyíig púúl groundnut seed

nyik [nyìik] *verb*
(to) edge closer or further
nyìkkèè edging closer, further
nyìkkò moving a thing closer, further

nyiko [nyìkkò] *noun*
edging closer, bringing closer

nyim [nyìim] *noun*
simsim

nyim [nyíim] *noun*
1 face
2 private part
3 front part

nying [nyíing] *noun*
name
míyyò nyíing naming
màkkò nyíing baptism

nyiro [nyìrrò] *verb*
(of sweat beads) to form on the face or body

nyo [nyò] *conjunction*
or, perhaps
ALSO **ònyò**

nyoc [nyóóc] *noun*
bending

nyodo [nyòdò] *noun*
related to child bearing; parenthood

lànyòdò parent
lùnyòdò parents

nyok [nyòòk] *noun*
(of usually goat) male sex
nyòòk dyèl he goat
CFR *twòòn*

nyok [nyòòk] *adjective*
strong and huge

nyom [nyòòm] *verb*
(to) marry

nyom [nyòòm] *noun*
marriage
nyómmèè can be married
nyòmmò marrying

nyomo [nyòmmò] *noun*
marrying

nyon [nyòòn] *verb*
(to) step on, trample, tread on
nyònèè trampling on each other
nyónnèè can be trampled on
nyònnò treading on

nyono [nyònnò] *noun*
treading on

nyondo [nyòòndò] *noun*
1 hammer
ALSO **nyónò**, **nyòdò**
SWA *nyondo*
2 càkùc
ARA *sakoush*

nyong [nyòòng] *verb*
(to) squat
nyònnò squatting

nyong [nyòòng] *verb*
(to) crumble, crease
nyónggèè can be crumbled
nyònnò crumbling

nyongo [nyònnò] *noun*
1 crumbling
2 squatting

nyong [nyóóng] *adverb*
deliberate act of malice; so what

nyony [nyòòny] *verb*
sink slowly

nyonyo [nyònnnyò] *noun*
iron
ALSO **cùmà**

nyor [nyòòr] *noun*
chain

nyot [nyòòt] *verb*
(to) mash, quash
nyóttèè can be quashed, mashed
nyòttò mashing

nyoto [nyòttò] *noun*
mashing, quashing

nyoyo [nyòyyò] *verb*
giving up.

nyub [nyùüb] *verb*
1 (to) mix with, mix
2 (to) knead
nyùüb kī cáàk mix with milk
nyúbbèè can be mixed
nyúbbò mixing

nyubo [nyúbbò] *noun*
mixing, kneading

nyugi [nyúgǽ] *noun*
louse
SGL **ònyógòò**

nyul [nyùl] *adverb*
pass quickly

nyung [nyùüng] *verb*
(to) build

nyur [nyùür] *verb*
(to) germinate; sprout

nyùrrò springing up, germinating

nyuro [nyùrrò] *noun*
sprouting, germinating

nyut [nyùüt] *verb*
1 point at
2 show, indicate
3 disclose
4 introduce
nyùttèè can be shown, pointed to, introduced, disclosed
nyùttèè showing the self, revealing the self
nyùttè show her, show it to her.

nyutu [nyùttù] *noun*
1 showing, disclosing
2 pointing
3 introducing
4 example
ALSO **nyùttò**
nyùttò wèllèè introducing visitors
nyùttò wèllèèèè indicating the cost
lànyùüt an example, a pointer to

nyutu [nyùttù] *noun*
showing, displaying, disclosing
ALSO **nyùttò**

nywa nywa [nywàànywàà] *adverb*
(of a thing) flashing, flicking on and off; glittering

nywak [nywáák] *verb*
go with, in the company of

nywal [nywàäl] *verb*
(to) give birth

nywàllèè her giving birth,
her labour
nywàllò giving birth
nywal [nywààl] *noun*
giving birth
nywààl bèèr 1 there is virtue
in giving birth. 2 a very
large saucepan
nywalo [nywàllò] *noun*
giving birth
nywan [nywàân] *verb*
(to) confuse, twist their words
nywànnèè being entangled,
mixed up
nywànnò confusing
nywano [nywànnò] *noun*
muddling up issues; con-
fusing
nywang [nywàāng] *verb*
knead
nywànngeè can be kneaded
nywànnò kneading
nywango [nywànnò] *noun*
kneading
nywar [nywàār] *verb*
(to) make fun of, tease, de-
ride
nywàrrò making fun of,
teasing, deriding
lànywààr a teaser, joker
nywaro [nywàrrò] *noun*
1 making fun of; teasing
2 deriding

O o

o [ò-] *prefix*
short form of the third per-

son personal pronoun —
he, she, it, attached to verbs
as prefix or suffix
ALSO o
càām eat — òcàāmò she ate
ob [òòb] *verb*
start fire, poke fire
obaa [òbáá] *noun*
a rodent well known for
stealing household things
like knives
obabe [òbàbbèè] *verb*
to be confused, mixed up
obaca [òbàcà] *noun*
corporal
ALSO kópòlò
ARA ombasa
obalo [òbàlò] *noun*
neck tendons
obange [òbànggèè] *verb*
confused, unstable in mind
obar [òbàār] *adjective*
cracked
obato [òbátòò] *noun*
yams
obaya [òbàyā] *noun*
large papyrus mat
ober [òbèèr] *noun*
mosquito
ober [òbèèr] *noun*
a tree whose bark is used
as a mild poison for fish-
ing
obeno [òbènnò] *noun*
a leather baby carrying sling
obibi [òbìbì] *noun*
ogre
obice [òbìcè] *noun*

a rat speices with a pun-
gent smell and a pointed
mouth
obir [òbìr] *verb*
(to) begin to germinate
obiku [òbìkù] *noun*
a hollow reed that can be
used for sucking beer or
drinks
obiri [òbìrì] *noun*
of body to be all swollen
up
obiya [òbìyā] *noun*
spear grass
obo [òbbò] *verb*
1 to make fire
2 to poke fire
oboke [òbòkè] *noun*
leaves
oboko [òbókò] *noun*
cucumber like plant when
dried
oboo [òbòò] *noun*
lung
ALSO àbòòt
oboro [òbóró] *noun*
1 snake skin
2 egg shell
obot [òbòt] *noun*
hollow reed stalks used for
sucking as a straw
obot [òbóót] *noun*
foot print, foot marks
obot [òbòt] *noun*
left over food
obuga [òbùgá] *noun*
vegetable
obuko [òbùkó] *noun*
cowpeas cooked dry as snack

obul [òbùl] *noun*
a tree with a soft white wood
obur [òbùúr] *noun*
a deserted homestead
obute [òbútè] *noun*
a horn used in dancing as
an ornament
obwoo [òbwóò] *noun*
net, fishing or for animals
obwol [òbwóól] *noun*
mushroom
obwol mon [òbwóól mọ̀on]
noun
1 a lizard that looks like
snake
2 a deceptive brief period
of sun
oculube [òcùlúbé] *noun*
rat species with a pointed
mouth
odeyo [òdèyòò] *noun*
hard crust left from polenta
at the bottom of the pot
ALSO òdèyò kwòòn
odi [òdì] *noun*
1 peanut butter
2 simsim butter
3 winged termite butter
odi [òdì] *noun*
a verbal knock to announce
once presence at a door
odiko [òdìkó] *noun*
morning
òdìkó còòn early in the morn-
ing
odile [òdìllèè] *noun*
an improvised hocky type
of game ayed with a hrad
wood

odilo [òdílò] *noun*

1 ball

2 football

3 football game, match

ALSO *mùpírà*

odin [òdìn] *adverb*

(of a homestead) not well

kept; overgrown

odini [òdíní] *noun*

leach

oding [òdīng] *noun* (of a person)

stubborn, obstinate

oding ding [òdīng dīng] *noun*

nasal bleeding

oding [òdīng] *noun*

trap for catching smaller

animals like squirrels

odir [òdìr] *noun*

insect species, cricket

odoco [òdòccò] *adverb*

again

ododo [òdòdò] *noun*

1 story

2 fable, fairy tales

odok [òdòk] *noun*

glue, resin

odo [òdò] *noun*

1 stick

2 walking stick

odugu [òdùgú] *noun*

a hard wood for firewood

oduka [òduka] *noun*

a rodent of the squirrel family

odur [òdùr] *noun*

garbage place

oduru [òdùrù] *noun*

1 an alarm

2 raising the alarm

oduro [òdùró] *noun*

(of an animal) pregnant

ALSO *dùró*

oduru [òdùró] *noun*

a fig like tree with edible

yellow fruits

odu [òdù] *noun*

the succulent pulp of shea

butter; pulp

odu [òdù] *noun*

(of potato or groundnuts)

poorly developed

odwel [òdwèl] *noun*

animal hide, especially one

used for sleeping on

odwong [òdwòng] *noun*

a tree species used for fur-

niture

odyer [òdyéér] *noun*

an animal skin worn for a

dance by boys

odyek [òdyéèk] *noun*

hyena

ALSO *lálùr*

ogaa [ògáá] *noun*

water from washing the

strainer usually poured back

into the beer pot

ogali [ògálí] *noun*

a big tree

ogele [ògélé] *noun*

a young bull

ogik [ògìk] *noun*

hiccup

ALSO *gìk*

ogil [ògìl] *noun*

civet cat

ALSO *gìlìrì*

ogilo [ògìlò] *noun*

a bird species

ogo [ògò] *noun*

yam

ALSO *òbátò*

ogodo [ògódò] *noun*

a kind of female dance

ogodo [ògòdò] *noun*

wax

ogom [ògòòm] *adjective*

bent

ogong [ògòng] *noun*

fowl pen

ogore [ògòrè] *noun*

crab

ogoro [ògòrò] *noun*

a bird species; heroin

oguro [ògùró] *noun*

gizzard

ogwa [ògwáá] *noun*

a basket used for fishing

ogwal [ògwààl] *noun*

frog

ogwang [ògwààng] *noun*

generic for the smaller cat

family

ogwil [ògwìl] *noun*

a rope for tying goats

ogwit [ògwìt] *noun*

clitoris

oja [òjáá] *noun*

a tuberous plant with a glue

yielding sap

oja [òjáá] *noun*

a tree species with good

fibres for rope

ojang [òjáàng] *noun*

a beelike insect which pro-

duces honey, usually in trees

found

ojee [òjéé] *noun*

a termite species

ojede [òjédé] *noun*

young locusts

oji [òjí] *noun*

grief, dejection

ojiga [òjìgá] *noun*

mane

ojoga [òjògá] *noun*

related to hunger, stom-

ach grumbling

ojul [òjùl] *noun*

waxbills

ojul [òjúúl] *noun*

creeping plant, which causes

irritation

ojuu [òjúú] *noun*

small flies found on fruits

ojwe [òjwéé] *noun*

footprint

ojwiny dyang [òjwíny dyààng]

noun

widow bird

okado [òkàdò] *noun*

sunbird

okak [òkààk] *noun*

a tree with edible fruits

okang [òkààng] *noun*

barren

okang [òkààng] *noun*

a field left unused to re-

cover

okango [òkángò] *noun*

a tree

okaar [òkáàr] *noun*

a Y shaped tree

okego [òkégó] *noun*

phlegm

okele [òkélé] *noun*

secretion of skunk or civet

cat

oken [òkèēn] *noun*
a professional hunter
okelo [òkèlò] *noun*
kraal
okelu [òkélú] *noun*
an outpost, a camp
okengo [òkéngò] *noun*
grass species
okero [òkèrò] *noun*
a kraal for goat and sheep
okeyo [òkéyò] *noun*
son of your sister; new-
pew
okeya [òkéyā] *noun*
my nephew
okito [òkitò] *noun*
placenta
okoc [òkóóc] *noun*
a bull that is past its best
by day
okoco [òkòcò] *noun*
a small tortoise shell used
as an ornament
okodo [òkòdòdò] *noun*
ticks
okok [òkòk] *noun*
fish with pointed fins
okok [òkòkòk] *noun*
worker termite
okok [òkòk] *noun*
bird species, egret
okokori [òkòkòrì] *noun*
tree ants
okol [òkóól] *noun*
clog tied to a prisoners leg
okolok [òkòlòkòk] *noun*
millipede
ALSO **òkòlòg**
okom [òkòòm] *noun*
tree trunk

okono [òkónò] *noun*
pumpkin
okong [òkóóng] *adjective*
oblong
okong [òkòòng] *noun*
pangolin
okongo [òkóngò] *noun*
a bird of the raven family
okoro [òkòrò] *noun*
snail
okoro [òkòró] *noun*
cartilage
okuba [òkùbá] *noun*
winged termites which come
out around 7pm
okuk [òkùkùk] *noun*
coccyx
okuma [òkùmá] *noun*
black water tortoise
okuro [òkùró] *noun*
puppy
okuto [òkútòdò] *noun*
thorn
okwac [òkwáác] *noun*
a bird believed to warn hu-
mans of danger
ALSO **òkwáácá**
okwateng [òkwátèng] *noun*
eagle
okwer [òkwèr] *noun*
yellow cucumber like ed-
ible plant
okwik [òkwíík] *noun*
a bird that feeds on cows
picking ticks; ox-pecker
okwil [òkwííl] *noun*
a kind of cartepillar
okwodo [òkwòdòdò] *noun*
ticks
ALSO **òkòdòdò**

olam [òláám] *noun*
fig tree
olang [òláàng] *noun*
bell
olany [òláány] *noun*
grasshopper
olek [òlèèk] *noun*
a walking stick
olel [òlèl] *noun*
sauce with simsim or ground-
nut paste
olem [òlèèm] *noun*
hornless cow
ALSO **làlám**
olemo [òlémò] *noun*
a tree with an edbble fruits
olet [òlèt] *noun*
pasture
oli [òlí] *noun*
a kind of tomato
olik [òlíík] *noun*
bat
oliko [òlíkòdò] *noun*
whistle made from an an-
imal horn
olim [òlíím] *noun*
a big tree
olo [òllò] *noun*
tiredness
ologi [òlogi] *noun*
a creeping plant with poi-
sonous fruit
ologo [òlógò] *noun*
bladder
ALSO **òlógó láác**
olok [òlòkòk] *noun*
wild grapes
olokoro [òlókóró] *noun*
trachea
ALSO **òlúkóró**

oloto [òlòtò] *noun*
stick
oluma [òlūmā] *noun*
(of people) very important
persons
oluri [òluri] *noun*
bird of prey
olut [òlùt] *noun*
walking stick
òlútá kwòdòdò *ladle*
oluto [òlútò] *adjective*
(of a stick) without the knob
olu [òlú] *adjective*
blunt, not sharp.
olwa [òlwáà] *noun*
tree, African oak tree
olwedo [òlwèddò] *noun*
a tree, twigs or leaves used
for traditional blessing
olwet [òlwéét] *noun*
a bugle
ALSO **bùrùjì**
olwinyo [òlwínyò] *noun*
1 hookworm
2 threadworm
olwiro [òlwìró] *noun*
a snake that strokes rather
than bite
ALSO **twòdòl òlwìró**
olwit [òlwīt] *noun*
bird of prey species
omak wic [òmáák wìc] *noun*
a plant with seeds that stick
on to clothing
omal [òmáàl] *adjective*
(of a person) lost, vagabond
omar [òmáár] *noun*
fresh grass that grows up
after first burning

omara [òmárrā] *noun*
 1 my beloved, loved one
 2 my cousin
omat [òmáát] *noun*
 fondness for a thing usually newly acquired
omera [òmérrā] *noun*
 1 my brother
 2 may also be used in the sense of friend, acquitane
omel [òméél] *noun*
 a fish normally found in small rivers and lagoons
omen [òméén] *noun*
 cud
omen [òméén] *noun*
 coffee
 ALSO búún
omiya [òmíyá] *noun*
 a kind of fly that causes filariasis
omo [òmò] *verb*
 fetch, bring
omungi kiyata [òmúngí kiyátà] *noun*
 potatoes planted at the end of the rainy season
omuya [òmùýá] *noun*
 a bird species; starling
omwom bye [òmwóóm byè] *noun*
 a creeping plant on an anthill
onang melo [ònáng mélé] *noun*
 a gecko
one yat [ònée yàát] *noun*
 (descriptive name for) squirrel
 ALSO àyítā
ongaru [òngàrù] *noun*
 praise name for leopard; pard

ongera [òngèrà] *noun*
 a grivet monkey
ongom [òngòm] *noun*
 code rights as laid down traditionally
ongo [òngò] *noun*
 grass patched preserved or left from burning or cultivation
ongot togo [òngóót tógò] *noun*
 otter
ongwek [òngwèèk] *noun*
 finger ring
oony [òòny] *verb*
 1 pour
 2 (of sugar) put in tea
 ónnyèè can be poured
 ònnyè pouring
 ALSO òò
onyo [ònyò] *preposition*
 now, at this time
 ALSO ònyòní
onyu [ònyú] *noun*
 a little baby
oo [òò] *verb*
 1 (to) arrive
 2 (to) reach
 òòò gààng she reached home
 òò gààng make sure you reach home
 òò gààng reaching home
 òò gààng will reach home
oo [òò] *noun*
 arrival, reaching
oo [òò] *verb*
 (to) pour, pour out
 ALSO òòny
 òò pour out
 ònnyè pouring

oo [òò] *verb*
 (to) fall down, disappear in numbers
oo [òò] *verb*
 bask, warm self
 òò mààc warm yourself by the fire
 òyyò basking in the sun or by fire
oko [òkò] *noun*
 taro
ono [ònnò] *verb*
 to cough
ono [ònnò] *noun*
 coughing
opac [òpààc] *noun*
 cannot listen to advice
opal [òpààl] *noun*
 an oyster shell
opam [òpààm] *noun*
 a block of wood for threshing millet
opany [òpààny] *noun*
 1 palm
 2 sole of foot
opego [òpégò] *noun*
 pig
openo [òpénò] *noun*
 a bird species
opi [òpí] *noun*
 slave
opilo [òpíì] *noun*
 a stick used for digging potatoes or cassava
opiro [òpírò] *noun*
 1 a large leather bag
 2 a child covered in membrane of birth
 3 a kind of grass

opit [òpìt] *noun*
 a reed that can be used as straw for sucking
opit [òpít] *noun*
 an intelligent person, enterprising person
opobo [òpòbò] *noun*
 a tree with good rods used very much for building and sometimes as sticks for beating people
opok [òpòk] *noun*
 a hard tree used for building
opoko [òpókò] *noun*
 an empty and dried gourd
opol [òpòl] *noun*
 boat oar
opolok [òpòlòk] *noun*
 a shrub
opuk [òpùk] *noun*
 tortoise
opuny [òpùny] *noun*
 heel
oput [òpùt] *noun*
 1 a tree with bark and roots used as medicine for malaria
 2 drunk as a sign of reconciliation
opuyu [òpùyyū] *noun*
 black soil used for smearing floor
opyen [òpyèè] *noun*
 spider
 ALSO òbwóròpyèè
or [òòr] *verb*
 (to) send
 òrrò sending
or [òòr] *noun*

errand
órró errand
or [òòr] *verb*
 remove
or [òòr] *noun*
 the husband of a sister—
 brother in law
 òrrā my brother in law
 òrrī your brother in law
ora [òrá] *noun*
 depression in a county, valley
ora [órá] *noun*
 long grass used for thatching
orada [òrádā] *adverb*
 of sunheat extreme
orak [òráák] *noun*
 youth courtship dance
 ALSO làràkà rákà
oran [òráán] *noun*
 failure to grow, thrive, prosper
ore [òrèè] *noun*
 joke, fun, jest
oree [òréé] *noun*
 an epidemic of infectious diseases
oro [òróò] *noun*
 dry season
orobo [òróbó] *noun*
 strong, vigorous
oroc twol [òróóc twòòl] *noun*
 shaded skin of a snake
orok [òróók] *noun*
 trap for rats
orok [òrók] *noun*
 hoes with pointed end tied
 on a shaft

oro [òrrò] *noun*
 sending, delegating
ororo [òròrò] *noun*
 spittle snake
orudi [òrúdí] *noun*
 wild dog
oruta [òrútā] *noun*
 loin clothing
 ALSO càràrà
oruta [òrútā] *noun*
 a girl who has a child before marriage while still with the parents
orwo [òrwòò] *noun*
 thirst
orwo [orwoo] *noun*
 a shrub used for making beehives
orwo [òrwòò] *noun*
 the day after, the following day
orya [òryáá] *interjection*
 let us do it now
oryang [oryang] *noun*
 a tree with roots as medicine for malaria
ot [òt] *noun*
 house
 PLU ódí
otac [òtác] *noun*
 a head rest used to support head luggage
otaci [òtácí] *noun*
 gonorrhoea
otaka [òtàkò] *noun*
 earthen baths especially for babies
otara [òtárá] *adjective*
 white people
 ALSO mụnị

oteka [òtèkà] *noun*
 a brave person
otetel [òtétél] *noun*
 woodpecker
otigo [òtígòò] *noun*
 finger lady, okra
otiko [òtíkòò] *noun*
 beads
 ALSO tíkòò
otini [òtíní] *noun*
 a rope trap for animals
otini [òtíní] *noun*
 a tree species with small seeds
otira [òtírá] *noun*
 earthquake
otir ngor [òtír ngòòr] *noun*
 king fisher
otit [òtít] *noun*
 firefly, glow worm
otit [òtít] *noun*
 palm tree
otogo [òtògòò] *noun*
 1 a hut for youth
 2 temporary hut for a sick person
otok [òtòk] *noun*
 a clothing made out of grass
otol [òtòòl] *noun*
 reed rat
otole [òtòlè] *noun*
 war dance
otole [òtòlè] *noun*
 swellings of the body
oton [òtòòn] *noun*
 scorpion
otong tong [òtòng tòng] *noun*
 1 tsetse fly
 2 derogative reference to the Lord's Resistance Army

owing to their mutilation of victims
otul [òtúúl] *noun*
 drain, culvet, gutter
otwang [òtwááng] *noun*
 a big fish
otweng [òtwééng] *noun*
 elbow
 ALSO lògùlè
otwilo [òtwíló] *noun*
 a kind of thorny grass
otwol kot [òtwòòl kòòt] *noun*
 earthworm
otwong kongo [òtwóóng kòngò] *noun*
 a small guord
 ALSO òtwááng kòngò
otwongo [òtwòngòò] *noun*
 grasshopper
otyeno [òtyéénò] *noun*
 in the evening
owaca [òwáccā] *noun*
 not juice; too watery
owango [òwángò] *noun*
 bird species; saddle billed stork
owelu [òwēlú] *noun*
 crested crane
owic [òwíc] *noun*
 small string trap for rats
owiir pii [òwíir pìi] *noun*
 water spider
owor [òwòòr] *noun*
 glutton, greed
oyaa [òyáá] *interjection*
 exclamation of surprise
oyado [òyàdòò] *noun*
 a plant, used for brushing teeth

oyala [òyálá] *noun*
a winged termite species

oyeng yeng [òyèng yéng] *noun*
earthquake

oyer [òyèèr] *noun*
plant with edible bulb

oyima [òyímá] *noun*
big black caterpillar

oyo [òyyò] *verb*
1 to warm the self
2 to bask in the sun or near fire

oyo [òyòò] *noun*
rat

oyo [òyyò] *verb*
1 (to) pour
2 (to) water
3 (to) empty a container
òyyò ìc aborting

oyolo [òyòlò] *noun*
a kind of beads

oyoro [òyòró] *noun*
a tree that can be made into horn

oyoro [òyòrò] *noun*
mane, long hair

oyot [òyòt] *adverb*
quickly
ALSO **òyòt òyòt**

oywec [òywéc] *noun*
broom

oywello [òywèllò] *noun*
a huge tree with an edible black fruit; black plum

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pa [pà] *preposition*
descendants of

pa [pà] *prefix*
belonging to; of a clan

paa [pàa] *verb*
(of carpentry) to curve or make a thing

pac [páac] *noun*
1 carpentry, woodworking
2 joinery
3 carving

pac [páac] *noun*
iron (for clothes)

pac [pàac] *verb*
(of feet) to scald because of heat

paco [pàccò] *noun*
pinching polenta with the hand

paco [pàcò] *noun*
home

pad [pàad] *verb*
(to) mould, knead clay etc

pade [páddèè] *verb*
can be kneaded, moulded
pàddò kneading

padi [pádi] *noun*
priest, especially in the Catholic Church
ITA *padre*

pado [pàdò] *noun*
fragments

pado [pàdò] *verb*
kneading

pagi [pàgi] *noun*
the central pole supporting a hut

paipai [pài pái] *noun*
pawpaw, payapaya

paipo [páipò] *noun*
pipe (of water etc) (ENG)

pak [pàak] *verb*
1 (to) praise
2 (to) flatter

pak [páak] *noun*
praising, flattering

pak [pàak] *verb*
(to) sharpen
pákkèè can be sharpened
pàkkò sharpening

pak [páak] *noun*
sharpening

pal [pàal] *verb*
to become emaciated

pal [pàal] *verb*
slap

pala [pálá] *noun*
ochre

pàlà *noun*
knife

pal cwiny [pàal cwíny] *noun*
upper part of the abdomen

pal gwok [pàal gwòòk] *noun*
shoulder

pali [páli] *noun*
pair of shorts

pale [pállèè] *verb*
being elusive

palo [pàllò] *verb*
to slap

palo [pàllò] *verb*
of sun to blind

pam [pàam] *noun*
molar tooth

pam [pàam] *verb*
plaster, smear

pama [pámà] *noun*
cotton
ALSO **pámà**
SWA *pamba*

pamo [pàmmò] *verb*
to add, pile

pan [pàan] *noun*
carpentry, woodworking

pan [pàan] *verb*
(to) hide, conceal
pánnèè can be hidden
pànnò hiding

pano [pànnò] *verb*
hiding, concealing

pang [pàang] *verb*
(to) hire a car etc

pang [pàang] *verb*
divert the attention, direction of
pánnngèè can be diverted
pànnngò diverting

pango [pànnngò] *verb*
1 hiring
2 diverting

pany [pàny] *noun*
mortar

par [pàar] *verb*
to think about, reflect on

par [páar] *noun*
thoughts, reflection on an issue

parat [pàrát] *noun*
an ornamental axe
ALSO **lùkílé**

paro [pàrrò] *verb*
thinking, mediating

pat [pàat] *adjective*
different, separate

patpat [pàat pàat] *adverb*
separately, differently

pata [pàtà] *noun*
a drying ground for millet

pata [pàtà] *noun*
door hinges

paya [pàyá] *noun*
a dry water bed

payi payi [pàyi páyì] *noun*
pawpaw

payo [pàyyò] *verb*
trimming, sculpturing, carving

pe [pé] *adjective, adverb*
1 not present; absent
2 having none; without
3 not
pé kùmènyò not like that

pee [pèè] *verb*
ice, hailstone, snow

pee [pèè] *verb*
1 drag along, pull
2 lead an infirm

peca [pécà] *noun*
money
SWA *pesa*
ALSO *céntè*

pek [pèèk] *adjective*
1 heavy
2 thick
3 pregnant

peke [pèké] *noun*
victual for a person travelling

pele [pèllè] *adjective*
restless
lápèllè mádá really restless

pem [pèèm] *noun*
bridge

pen [pèèn] *noun*
navel

peny [péeny] *noun*
1 examination
2 question
3 enquiry

peny [pèeny] *verb*
ask, enquire
pènnnyèè can be asked
pènnnyò asking, enquiring

pep [péép] *adverb*
to suddenly appear

per [péér] *adverb*
talk too much

pero [pèrò] *noun*
platform for drying maize

pere [pèrrè] *verb*
(of the ears) to stand out

pet [pèèt] *verb*
1 to unfold, spread, lay down
sleeping stuff
2 to cover a thing
pèttèè can be spread
pèttò spreading

peto [pèttò] *verb*
spreading sleeping things

peyo [pèyyò] *verb*
dragging, pulling, leading

pi [pì] *preposition*
because (of); why
pì ngò because of, why
pì én because...

pi [pì] *verb*
stir, mix into

pi [pì] *noun*
water

pi [pì] *verb*
instigate, incite

pic [píic] *verb*
investigation, incitement

pid [pìid] *verb*
plead

pìddèè can be pleaded
pìddò pleading

pida [pídà] *noun*
Corruption of PWD- Public Works Department (ENG)

pig [píig] *noun*
water of; juice of
píig dék soup
píig wàng tears

pik [pìik] *verb*
(to) fill up

pikipiki [pìkìpìkì] *noun*
motorbike

piko [pikkò] *noun*
filling up

pil [pìil] *verb*
honour, respect

pil [píil] *adverb*
(of a spear etc) to pierce through to the other side

pil [píil] *verb*
(of children) to become big headed, to be spoiled.

pile [píllè] *verb*
emerge on the other side

pim [píim] *adverb*
of a thing filled to the brim
òpòng ní b́im completely full

pim [píim] *verb*
1 measure
2 weigh
3 estimate
pímmèè can be measured, weighed, estimated, aimed at.
pímmò weighing, measuring, estimating, aiming at

pim [píim] *verb*
(of a target) aim at to shoot

pino [pìnò] *noun*
hornet, wasps

piny [píiny] *adverb*
down, under
bèèd píiny sit down

piny [píiny] *noun*
1 weather
2 climate
3 state of the day
píiny ọrrù it has dawned
píiny dyáak it is wet

pipa [pípà] *noun*
barrel
SWA *pipa*

pir [pír] *adverb*
rash saying

pir [píir] *verb*
conspire, plot against

pir [píir] *verb*
fill up

pir [píir] *verb*
make fire by rubbing wood

pit [píit] *verb*
1 to feed
2 to bring up
píit kí cáak feed her on milk

pit [píit] *noun*
1 planting
2 bringing up a person
3 feeding a person

pit [píit] *verb*
1 (to) plant
2 (to) cultivate
píit lăbòlò plant bananas
píttèè can be planted
píttò planting

piti [pítí] *noun*
waste heap

pito [píttò] *noun*
planting

pito [pittò] *noun*
bringing up a child or a person

pitu [pittú] *verb*
to have matured

piyo [piyyò] *verb*
persuading, urging, inciting

piyo [piyyò] *verb*
1 drilling
2 stirring with a ladle

pogo [pògò] *noun*
ivory armlet

poi [pói] *noun*
youth

pok [pòòk] *noun*
(of a road) too broad

pok [póók] *noun*
1 bark of a tree
2 fish scales
3 groundnut shells

pok [pòòk] *verb*
removing the bark, husking, shelling

pok [pòòk] *verb*
1 divide up
2 separate
3 distribute
pòkkèè can be divided up, separated
pòkkò dividing up, separating

poko [pòkkò] *noun*
separating, dividing, splitting up

pol [pòòl] *adjective*
many, numerous

pol [pòòl] *noun*
clouds

polic [pòlíc] *noun*
police (ENG)
ALSO **àbìlì**

polo [pòlò] *noun*
1 sky
2 heaven

pong [pòòng] *verb*
(to) fill

pong [pòng] *noun*
of a girl grown up; mature

ponge [pònggèè] *verb*
pretending

pony [póny] *noun*
a small hole, openong

poo [pòò] *verb*
1 remind
2 remember

poo [pòò] *verb*
startle

poo [pòò] *verb*
(to) become mad

poor [pòòr] *verb*
to elope

poor [pòòr] *verb*
1 measure
2 weigh
3 try
4 imitate
pòrrèè can be tried, measured, weighed
pòrrò measuring, weighing, trying

pore [pòrrèè] *verb*
to be fit for a purpose

poro [pòrrò] *noun*
elopement

pot [póót] *noun*
1 leaf
2 pod, sheaf, shell

pot [pòòt] *verb*
1 (to) fall
2 (of a thing) to drop

poto [pòttò] *verb*
1 falling
2 dropping
3 (of the sun) to set
4 (of war) to break out

poyo [pòyyò] *verb*
reminding

poyo [pòyyò] *verb*
startling, frightening

poyo [pòyó] *noun*
scar

puu [pùū] *verb*
1 (of a mud house) to smear inner room
2 (of a mud compound) to smear
púnnèè can be smeared
púyyò smearing

puc [pùuc] *noun*
wart

puc [pùuc] *noun*
cat
ALSO **bùràà**

puc [pùuc] *noun*
1 tendon
2 fillet

pud [pùūd] *verb*
(of bread, potato etc) to take or break a small bit

pud [pùūd] *adverb*
not yet, still

pugu [pùggù] *verb*
(of a child being weaned)
put on weight
ALSO **pùgí**

puk [pùük] *verb*

rising up early in the morning to do a thing

pul [púúl] *noun*
groundnuts

pun [púún] *noun*
calf

pun coo [púún còò] *adverb*
(of meat) not softly cooked

pundi [púndì] *noun*
artisan; taylor, carpenter, builder
SWA *fundì*

puno [púnòò] *noun*
pig
ALSO **òpégò**

puno [púnòò] *verb*
cheating

punu [pùnnù] *noun*
animal lick
ALSO **pùnnò**

puny [púúny] *noun*
heel
ALSO **òpúúny**

puny [púúny] *noun*
hoe handle

pur [pùür] *verb*
(to) dig, cultivate
púrrèè can be cultivated
pùrrò cultivating

pura [púrá] *noun*
hartebeest, wildebeest

put [púút] *noun*
malnourished

put [pùūt] *verb*
uproot, pull out

pwac [pwàac] *verb*
bruising the leg etc

pwod [pwòòd] *verb*
1 (to) beat
2 (to) punish

3 (of rain) to beat a thing
pwóddēē can be punished, beaten
pwóddō punishing, beating
pwod [pwóḍ] *noun*
 1 punishment
 2 beating
pwo [pwòḍ] *verb*
 give thanks
pwòyyò thanking
pwo [pwòḍ] *it verb*
 (of milk) to churn
pwoc [pwóḱ] *noun*
 1 thanking, thankfulness
 2 gratitude, appreciation
pwor [pwòḱ] *verb*
 (to) sprinkle
pwórēē can be sprinkled
pwòrrò sprinkling
pworo [pwòrrò] *noun*
 sprinkling
pwot [pwòḱ] *adjective*
 1 slippery, slimy
 2 smooth
 3 fine, refined
pwoyo [pwòyyò] *noun*
 thanking, appreciating
pye [pyèḱ] *verb*
 1 (to) jump
 2 hop, skip
 3 (of a bird) to perch
 4 (of a plane) to land
pyèḱ píny jump down
pye [pyèḱ] *noun*
 jumping
pyed [pyèḱ] *noun*
 improper behaviour
pyel [pyèḱ] *verb*
 to lay down, spread

pyéllēē can be spread
pyèllò laying down
pyel [pyèḱ] *verb*
 defecate
pyèllò defecating
pyelo [pyèllò] *noun*
 defecating
pyelo [pyèllò] *noun*
 spreading sleeping things
pyem [pyèḱm] *verb*
 compete, contest
pyem [pyèḱm] *noun*
 competition, contest
pyèmmò contesting, protesting, objecting
pyemo [pyèmmò] *noun*
 contesting, competing
pyen [pyèḱn] *noun*
 hide, skin
pyer [pyèḱr] *noun*
 waist
pyer [pyèḱr] *noun*
 tens, in counting
pyet [pyèḱt] *verb*
 (to) winnow
pyétteēē can be winnowed
pyèttò winnowing
pyete [pyèttèē] *verb*
 yearning to have or eat
pyeto [pyèttò] *noun*
 winnowing

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raa [ràà] *noun*
 hippopotamus
raa [ráá] *noun*
 bulrush; durrah

raa [ráá] *noun*
 what is left of scorched grass
CFR lyèḱ
raa [ràà] *verb*
 (to) collect, gather
tyèḱ kà ràà yéén she is collecting firewood
ráánnēē can be collected
rab [ràāb] *verb*
 circumnavigate, go around
raba [ràbà] *adverb*
 manner of sitting, lying down
 indicating exhaustion
ràbbēē going around
rabo [ràbbò] *verb*
 1 flanked
 2 going along a river
rac [rààc] *adjective*
 1 bad, evil
 2 (of a person) excellent
 at a thing
racac [ràcààc] *noun*
 bullet
rad [ràād] *verb*
 1 to throw carelessly in no particular way
 2 to kill
ràād wééng throw, kill all
ráddēē can be thrown
ràddò throwing mud at a house
rag [ràāg] *verb*
 to make roughly, hastily
ràāg àḱḱḱ to hastily make a container
rage [ràggèē] *verb*
 impose especially the self upon others
ràggò imposing the self

rege [régè] *noun*
 ribs
reno [rènnò] *verb*
 to condone what a person is doing, usually a bad thing
rénggè *noun*
 colour
ALSO ránngì, bùyyè, kàlà
rep [rèḱp] *adjective*
 1 too watery; not thick enough
 2 light, transparent; not opaque
 3 (of a person) unable to keep a secret
dóggè rèḱp she can't keep a secret
ret [rèḱ] *verb*
 (to) wrestle a person; throw a person down
rèḱ píny throw him down
reet [réḱt] *noun*
 wound, injury
rete [rèttèē] *verb*
 wrestling
rèttò throwing down
reto [rèttò] *noun*
 throwing down, wrestling down
reyo [rèyyò] *verb*
 smearing
reyo [rèyyò] *verb*
 to blame others, implicate them
rib [rīb] *verb*
 1 to join, unite, add
 2 bring together; reconcile
 3 bring together; marriage, matrimony
ribbēē coming together, reconciling, uniting

ric [rĩc] *verb*
to urge, especially a worker,
drive forward harder

ric [rĩc] *verb*
the knotting of a rope

rid [rĩd] *verb*
to insist on a point of view

rid [rĩd] *verb*
to push, force into
rĩd tyēñĩ ì wààr force your
feet into the shoes
riddèè pushing by force
into
riddò persisiting

rido [riddò] *verb*
tying

rido [rĩdò] *noun*
dry twigs

rii [rĩ] *noun*
giraffe

rii [rĩ] *verb*
1 stay for far too long; over-
stay
2 spend time

rii [rĩ] *verb*
to tie

rii [rĩ] *verb*
coil the self

rii [rĩ] *verb*
1 put across
2 obstruct
rĩĩ yààt ì yòdò obstruct the
road with a plank

riik [rĩk] *verb*
overfill, fill up

rik [rĩk] *adverb*
long time ago. in the past

rim [rĩm] *adverb*
to be full of things

ring [rĩng] *verb*
run; run away from
rinnò racing, running

ringo [rĩngò] *noun*
meat

ringo [rĩngò] *verb*
running, feeling, racing

rit [rĩt] *adverb*
far off
rĩt còdò a long time ago

rit [rĩt] *verb*
to spurt far off

rit [rĩt] *noun*
tonsillitis

rito [rĩtò] *noun*
(of a razor) to cut sharply

riu [rĩu] *adverb*
(of a thing) passing quickly
rapidly, fleetingly

riyo [rĩyyò] *verb*
place across, straddle

robo [ròbbò] *verb*
makes the body to peel

robo [ròbbò] *verb*
to instigate, agitate

roc [ròc] *verb*
(to) spoil
ròccèè can be ruined
ròccò spoiling, ruining, cor-
rupting

roc [ròc] *noun*
1 mistake
2 ruining, spoiling

roc [ròc] *verb*
renovate
ròccèè can be renovated
ròccò renovating

rod [ròd] *verb*
pile
ròddèè can be piled up

rok [ròk] *noun*
race, tribe

rok [ròk] *verb*
hollow out
ròkkèè can be hollowed
ròkkò hollowing; excavat-
ing; push stick into a hole

roko [ròkkò] *verb*
instigate

roko [ròkkò] *verb*
1 stab over and over
2 poke

rom [ròòm] *adjective*
equal, same

rome [ròmmèè] *verb*
meeting

romo [ròmmò] *noun*
running into each other un-
expectedly; meeting

romo [ròmmòd] *adjective*
1 enough, sufficient
2 fit for, suitable for

romo [ròmmò] *noun*
sheep

rony [ròny] *verb*
make fun of

ronye [rònyèè] *verb*
making fun of

roo [rò] *verb*
insert
rónnèè can be inserted

roo [rò] *verb*
to roast, grill
rónnèè can be inserted

rot [ròt] *verb*
trace, track; look for
róttèè can be tracked
ròttò tracking

royo [ròyyò] *verb*
burn to clear a ground

royo [ròyyò] *verb*
insertion

rub [rùb] *verb*
1 (of liquid) mix, stir
2 mix up
rùbbèè can be mixed
rùbbò mixing, stirring

rubia [rùbià] *noun*
money
ENG *rupee*

rubuku [rùbùkù] *adverb*
sound made by collapsing
of a structure

ruc [rùc] *verb*
to hurry

ruc [rùc] *noun*
rice (ENG)
ALSO **mùcèlè**

ruc [rùc] *verb*
rub out, wipe clean, erase
rùc cóóc wókò rub out the
writing
rùccèè can be wiped off
rùccù wiping off

rucu [rùccù] *noun*
erasing, wiping

rud [rùd] *verb*
scrub

ruda [rùdà] *noun*
bushbuck

ruk [rùk] *noun*
attire, dressing

ruk [rùk] *verb*
put on shoes, clothing etc
rùkkèè dressing up
rùkkò dressing

ruk [rùk] *verb*
stir, poke the fire

rukca [rùkcà] *noun*
permission

ruko [rùkkò] *noun*
putting on; dressing

rum [rùùm] *verb*
(to) surround

rum [rùùm] *verb*
(to) kneel

rumo [rùmmò] *verb*
1 kneeling
2 sourrounding

rung [rùüng] *noun*
wrinkle, crease

rut [rùüt] *verb*
pierce the ears

rut [rùüt] *verb*
instigate

rut [rùüt] *noun*
twins
ALSO **rúđi**

ruto [rùttò] *verb*
1 sewing
2 instigating
3 piercing

ruu [rùü] *verb*
urge, hurry

rud [rùù] *noun*
dawn

rwac [rwàāc] *verb*
throw
rwàccéē falling
rwàccò throwing

rwaco [rwàccò] *noun*
throwing

rwad [rwàād] *verb*
plaster

rwak [rwàāk] *verb*
1 (to) insert
2 (to) enlist admit into
rwàkkéē inserting, inserting

rwàkkò enlistment, insertion

rwako [rwàkkò] *noun*
enlistment, insertion

rwang [rwàāng] *verb*
crumple, crease
rwánngèē can be creased
rwànnò creasing

rwany [rwàāny] *verb*
turn inside out
rwányèē can be turned inside out
rwànnýò turning inside out

rwàāt *verb*
plaster

rwate [rwàttéē] *verb*
to meet, meeting

rwato [rwàttò] *verb*
plastering a house

rwee [rwéē] *adjective*
hoarse

rwe [rwèē] *verb*
stretch, manipulate, massage
rwénnèē can be stretched

rwe [rwèē] *verb*
(of clothes) to iron

rwene [rwènnèē] *verb*
going out for a walk, stretching the legs

rweny [rwèēny] *verb*
1 to get lost
2 to forget
3 to lose

rweny [rwéēny] *noun*
1 getting lost
2 forgetting

rwenyo [rwènnýò] *verb*
1 losing
2 forgetting

rweyo [rwèyyò] *verb*
summoning people for a hunting expedition

rweyo [rwèyyò] *verb*
smoothing over; ironing

rwic [rwīc] *verb*
crush

rwid [rwīd] *verb*
(to) tie

rwo [rwòò] *verb*
(to) give up

rwom [rwóóm] *noun*
1 ladder
2 position
3 rank

rwot [rwòòt] *noun*
chief, king, lord

ryal [ryáál] *noun*
a tin of aluminium

ryang [ryáāng] *verb*
frighten

ryany [ryàāny] *verb*
(of polenta) make a big portion

ryeb [ryèēb] *verb*
turn upside down

rye [ryèē] *verb*
(to) line up
ryénnèē can be lined up

ryek [ryèèk] *adjective*
clever, wise

ryek [ryèèk] *verb*
cut open

ryeko [ryéékkòò] *noun*
being smart, clever, cleverness

ryem [ryèēm] *verb*
run after; chase
ryèmmò chasing

ryemo [ryèmmò] *noun*
running after; chasing

ryeny [ryèēny] *verb*
to shine

ryeny [ryéēny] *adjective*
shiny

ryeyo [ryèyò] *verb*
lining up, assembling

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taa [táà] *noun*
tobacco, cigarette
ALSO **tábà**, **túbà**

taa [tāā] *verb*
(to) overpower, overcome, defeat
tāā éñ defeat him

tac [tààc] *noun*
1 hip
2 pocket

tad [táád] *verb*
defeating, winning

tag [tāāg] *verb*
(of water in a pot) to swirl

tak [tāāk] *verb*
(to) scoop from the top a bit

tak [tāāk] *verb*
(to) have a spell removed; exorcise

tako [tākò] *noun*
spleen

tal [tāāl] *verb*
(of meat, fish) to smoke dry
tāāl rééc smoke dry the fish

tal [tàāl] *verb*
(to) cast a spell on
lâtáál a witch

tal [tàāl] *adjective*
balding of the head

tal [tàāl] *noun*
a pole for fixing nets

talo [tàllò] *noun*
smoke drying fish, meat

talo [tàllò] *noun*
bewitching

tam [tàām] *verb*
1 (to) think
2 (to) consider, ponder

tam [tàám] *noun*
1 thoughts
2 considerations
3 deliberations

tam [tàām] *adverb*
describes the largeness of a thing
lác nĩ tàām expansively large

tamo [tàmmò] *verb*
1 thinking, pondering
2 bothering
3 deliberating, considering

tang [tàāng] *verb*
(to) divert, especially the attention of a child
tāāng wíyyè divert the attention

tang [tàáng] *adverb*
(modifies) how a thing is stuck
òmòkò ní tááng it is firmly stuck

tang [tààng] *adverb*
(of a child) who shows no respect to elders

tanga [tángá] *noun*
sprinkling of water or con-
tation as blessing

tangauji [tàngàújì] *noun*
ginger

tange [tánggèè] *verb*
(of especially attention) can
be diverted

tango [tàngò] *verb*
(to) outstretch hand in a
begging posture
tàngò cíng outstretching the
hand

tango [tàngò] *noun*
1 miracle
2 wonders
3 mystery

tany [tàāny] *verb*
1 to rage
2 to increase in magnitude
3 to make a turn for the
worse
òtàāny mādā taken a turn
for the worse

tanye [tánnyèè] *verb*
increase in rage, magnitude

tanyo [tànnýò] *verb*
(to) overturn the ground,
soil in digging

tap [táp] *adverb*
swiftly chop with one blow

tar [tàār] *adjective*
white

tara [tàrà] *noun*
lamp

taro [tàrrò] *verb*
(to) despise

tarabana [tàràbánà] *noun*
wooden sandals

tat [tàāt] *verb*
(to) explore the sources; in-
vestigate
táttèè can be investigated
tàttò investigation

taun [tájūn] *noun*
town (ENG)
ALSO **bòmà**

tayi [tàyì] *adverb*
modifies brightness
wááng ní tàyi it is burning
brightly

tayo [tàyyò] *verb*
(to) destroy, defeat, sub-
due

te [téé] *preposition*
under, beneath, below
tée dèrò under the granary

te [téé] *noun*
1 source
2 origin
tée kwàrrò tradition, culture,
custom
tée lèk meaning of a word
or expression or utterance

tebo [tèbò] *noun*
bird species of owl fam-
ily; night jar

ted [tèèd] *verb*
cook
tèddèè can be cooked
tèddò cooking

tedo [tèddò] *noun*
cooking

tee [tèè] *verb*
(to) make a tiny incision

tego [tèggò] *verb*
(to) strengthen, harden

tek [tèèk] *verb*
(to) distribute, give

tek [tèèk] *adjective*
1 hard
2 difficult
3 strong
cwínnyèè tèèk she is brave
lèkké tèèk a difficult person
dóggèè tèèk can fight his cor-
ner verbally
wíyyè tèèk stubborn, shows
no respect

tek [tèèk] *noun*
1 force, strength
2 power
òkwànyò kí téék he took it
by force

tek [tèèk] *verb*
1 (to) intercede and stop
a fight
2 (to) take sides in a fight

teke [teke] *noun*
a small wooden peg or nail

teko [tékkòdò] *noun*
1 strength, force
2 power

tel [tèèl] *verb*
1 (to) pull
2 (to) lead
tèèl wíyyè lead her

tele [tèlèè] *noun*
reed rat
ALSO **ànyèrì tètèè**

telo [tèllò] *verb*
pulling, dragging, leading

tem [tèēm] *verb*
(to) try, attempt
tèmmèè can be attempted,
tried
tèmmè try him
tèmmò trying

temo [tèmmò] *noun*
trying, attempting

ten [tèñ] *verb*
1 (to) support
2 (to) lean
tènnè can be supported,
leant
tènnò supporting, leaning

teng [tèng] *verb*
1 (to) dust off
2 (to) beat, cane

teng [tèng] *noun*
side

teng [tèng] *verb*
1 (of hide) to stiffen
2 (of a door) to stiffen and
not easily open

teng [téng] *verb*
to be disobedient

tengo [tèngò] *verb*
1 (to) beat with a stick
2 (to) cane

teny [tèny] *verb*
1 (to) leave behind
2 to give up on
tènnè can be left behind
tènnè leave her behind
tènnò giving up on, leav-
ing behind

tenyo [tènnò] *noun*
abandoning, giving up

ter [tèr] *verb*
1 to focus (ear)
2 (to) pay attention
3 to tune an instrument

ter [tèr] *noun*
load, luggage, baggage

ter [tèr] *verb*
(to) take

tèrrè can be taken
tèrrò taking

tere [tèrrè] *adverb*
(of an event) lasting till the
break of daylight
gúmyèllò píny tèrrè they danced
till the break of the day

tere [tèrrè] *verb*
1 (of a harp) to be tuned
2 (of the ear) to focus
tèrrò íf being attentive

tero [tèrrò] *noun*
taking

tete [tè té] *noun*
the first faltering steps of
a baby

tet [tètet] *verb*
(to) forge
tèttè can be forged
tèttò forging

teto [tèttò] *verb*
forging

teyo [tèyyò] *verb*
to scrape

tic [tèc] *noun*
1 work
2 working
3 occupation, profession

tic [tèc] *adjective*
1 moist
2 damp

tid [tèd] *verb*
(to) get water in small amounts;
in droplets

tidi [tèd] *adjective*
small, tiny

tidu [tèdù] *noun*
numbness

tigu [tègù] *verb*
mating

tii [tèi] *verb*
(to) pour water gently in
trickle

tii [tèi] *verb*
(to) age

tii [tèi] *noun*
old age, ageing

tii [tèi] *verb*
(to) work

tik [tèk] *noun*
chin
yèr tìk facial hair, especially
chin

tiik [tèk] *adverb*
strong smell; pungent
kèmmè ngwèé tìk he has a
pungent smell

tiik [tèk] *adverb*
sound of a thing landing
on the ground; thud

tika [tèkà] *adverb*
really, truly
ALSO *àtìkà*

tikitiki [tèkìtìkì] *noun*
ticket (ENG)

tiko [tèkò] *noun*
beads
ALSO *òtìkò*

til [tèl] *noun*
kob gazelle impala

tim [tèim] *verb*
do
tèmmè can be done
tèmmò doing

tim [tèim] *noun*
1 acts, action
2 behaviour
tèmmè behaving, acting

tim [tèim] *noun*
1 bush

2 jungle
3 foreign land

time [tèmmè] *verb*
1 (to) behave
2 (to) happen

timo [tèmmò] *noun*
doing

tin [tèin] *verb*
(to) use food sparingly; skimp

tin [tèin] *noun*
today

tino [tènnò] *noun*
childishness

ting [tèng] *verb*
1 (to) carry
2 (to) lift
3 (to) give a lift to
tènnè can be carried
tènnò carrying, lifting

ting [tèng] *noun*
beer dregs

ting [tèng] *adverb*
modifies staring unflinch-
ingly at a person

tingo [tèngò] *noun*
carrying, lifting

tiny [tèiny] *verb*
unshell, nuts, cowpeas

tipo [tèpò] *noun*
1 shade
2 soul, spirit
3 shadow
ALSO **tèpú**

tipu [tèpú] *noun*
1 shade
2 soul, spirit
3 shadow
ALSO **tèpò**

tir [tèir] *verb*
(to) straighten

tírrèè can be straightened
tírrò straightening
tír [tír] *adjective*
 straight
tiri [tírí] *verb*
 becoming mature; hardened
tiro [tírrò] *noun*
 straightening
tiru [tírū] *noun*
 grass patch in water; sudd
tit [tíit] *verb*
 (to) explain
títtèè can be explained
títtè explained it to her
títtò explaining, explanation
tito [títtò] *noun*
 explaining
tiyo [tíyyò] *verb*
 pouring water in trickle
tiyo [tíyyò] *verb*
 1 ageing
 2 working
tobi [tòbì] *noun*
 yeast
tobu [tòbú] *noun*
 a rainfall that lasts the whole day
 ALSO **kìjùmí**
toco [tòccò] *adjective*
 not fully developed; unripe
tod [tòòd] *verb*
 (to) draw water in small amounts
tóddèè can be drawn in small amounts
tóddò drawing in small amounts
togo [tógòò] *noun*

papyrus
 CFR kóló
tok [tòòk] *verb*
 (to) dish out food
tókkèè can be dished out
tókkè dish some for her
tókkò dishing out
tok [tók] *noun*
 back part of the head
toki [tókí] *noun*
 vegetable seed
toko [tòkkò] *verb*
 1 (of eggs) to hatch
 2 dishing out food
tokolong [tòkòlòòng] *noun*
 a large male lizard
tol [tóól] *noun*
 string, rope
ton [tòòn] *verb*
 1 (to) pour in drops, in trickle
 2 (to) brew the local alcohol
ton [tòòn] *verb*
 (to) percolate sodium bicarbonate for cooking
 CFR **kàdò àtónnàà**
tono [tònnò] *verb*
 to speak arrogantly
tono [tònnò] *noun*
 percolating
tono [tònnò] *verb*
 to feel aggrieved
tong [tóóng] *noun*
 egg
tong [tóóng] *noun*
 spear
tong [tòòng] *verb*
 1 (to) chop
 2 (to) bite

tongo [tònnò] *verb*
 1 cutting, chopping
 2 digging up cassava etc
 3 be bitten by a snake
tongo [tòngò] *adjective*
 of a pot not fired
too [tòò] *verb*
 deflate
too [tòò] *noun*
 jackal, fox
too [tòò] *noun*
 death
too [tòò] *verb*
 (to) die
top [tòòp] *verb*
 (to) rot
topino [tòpìnò] *noun*
 a wasp species
tor [tòòr] *verb*
 block, fill
tore [tòrrèè] *verb*
 be filled up
tot [tòòt] *verb*
 collect, gather
 tòttò **kíic** gathering honey
toyo [tòyòò] *noun*
 dew
toyo [tòyò] *verb*
 release anger
tub [tùùb] *verb*
 (to) provoke, incite
tuba [tùbàà] *noun*
 tobacco
 ARA **tumbaak**
tube [tùbbèè] *verb*
 1 (to) fall out
 2 (to) quarrel, get in conflict
tubo [tùbbò] *noun*
 inciting, instigating

tuc [tùùc] *noun*
 1(to) pierce
 2 (to) perforate
túccèè can be pierced, perforated
tùccò piercing, perforating
tuc [tùùc] *noun*
 1 (to) reveal
 2 (to) explain, show
 3 (to) indicate
túccèè can be revealed
tùccò revealing
tuco [tùccò] *noun*
 1 piercing
 2 revealing
tud [tùùd] *verb*
 1 (to) knot
 2 (to) tie in a knot
tug [tùùg] *noun*
 home
tug [tùùg] *verb*
 (to) stir, incite
túggèè can be stirred
tùggò stirring
tuga [tuga] *noun* bunch of
tugu [tùgù] *noun*
 borassus palm
tuk [tùùk] *verb*
 (to) fly
tuk [tùùk] *verb*
 (to) play
tuk [tùùk] *noun*
 a small ant hill
tukeno [tùkènnò] *noun*
 place by the fireside
tuku [tùkkò] *verb*
 1 games, plays
 2 flying, flight
tuko [tùkkò] *verb*
 threading

tul [tùḽ] *verb*
open wide
tùḽ wàngí open your eyes
wide

tula [tùláh] *noun*
an owl

tulo [tùllò] *noun*
having eyes wide open

tum [tùùm] *noun*
wood instrument

tumo [tùmmò] *verb*
sacrificing

tun [tùün] *verb*
sell

tun [tùùn] *noun*
vagina

tuno [tùnò] *noun*
breast

tuno [tùnnò] *noun*
arriving, reaching

tung [tùùng] *noun*
(animal) horn

tung [tùùng] *verb*
to suffocate, to choke

tuny [tùũny] *verb*
uproot
tùũnyèè can be uprooted

tur [tùūr] *verb*
1 to break
2 snap off

tur [tùūr] *verb*
(to) mature, approach poverty

tur [tùúr] *noun*
flowers
ALSO *àtùré*

tur [tùúr] *noun*
1 face
2 forehead

tura [tùrà] *noun*
raised ground on the edge
of the river

turo [tùrrò] *noun*
snapping, breaking

tut [tùùt] *noun*
an insect

tut [tùút] *adjective*
deep

tut [tùút] *noun*
beetle

tut [tùút] *noun*
pus

tute [tùttèè] *verb*
strive, endure

tutu [tùtù] *noun*
a percolated pot for sodium
bicarbonate

tutuno [tùtùnnò] *noun*
heaps (of potatoes)

tutunu [tùtùnú] *adverb*
for the present time; temporarily

twac [twàāc] *verb*
(to) throw down

twak [twàāk] *verb*
(to) shout at

twak [twàāk] *verb*
(to) boil gently; simmer
twàkkò simmering

twako [twàkkò] *noun*
simmering

twal [twáál] *adverb*
forever

twango [twànnò] *verb*
(to) strike with a stick

twany [twàāny] *verb*
turn inside out

twar [twàār] *verb*
(to) drive away, disperse

twaro [twárò] *verb*
snoring

twe [twèè] *verb*
1 (to) tie
2 (to) bind

twééc *noun*
tying

tweny [twèēny] *verb*
(to) straighten

twer [twéér] *verb*
power, strength ability
twérrèè can be done
twèrrò power

twero [twèrrò] *noun*
power, ability

tweyo [twèyyò] *verb*
tying

twi [twì] *verb*
(to) grow

twi [twì] *adverb*
thickly rising of smoke

twic [twíic] *adverb*
happening swiftly
òdònnnyò ní twíic she entered
swiftly

twil [twìil] *verb*
(to) emaciate, lose weight

twilo [twìllò] *verb*
wasting

twiny [twìiny] *verb*
(to) blow the nose

two [twò] *verb*
1 (to) take care of; nurse
an ailing person
2 (to) be ill

two [twò] *noun*
1 illness, ailment
2 disease

two [twò] *verb*

1 (to) dry, dry out
2 (to) wait for a long time

twor [twóór] *noun*
mallet

twod [twòòd] *verb*
build circular
twòddò to encircle, draw
round

twodo [twòddò] *verb*
lying

twok [twòók] *noun*
corner

twol [twòl] *noun*
snake

twolo [twòlò'] *adverb*
1 open
2 (of a person) with eyes
open
3 hollow

twom [twòòm] *verb*
knock, butt

twom [twòòm] *verb*
1 (to) draw from a well
2 (to) get water etc from a
pot etc
twómèè can be drawn
twòmmò drawing

twomo [twòmmò] *noun*
scooping, drawing water
etc

twon [twòòn] *adjective*
huge, big
PLU *twónné*

twon [twòòn] *noun*
the male of an animal
twònnèè 1 his bull 2 a big
one
twòòn gwènd cock
twòòn làcòó a huge man

twon [twòḍṇ] *verb*
 1 (to) refuse to give
 2 (to) deny a person a thing

twon [twòḍṇ] *verb*
 (to) percolate sodium bi-carbonate for cooking; **kàdò àtónnáâ**
 ALSO **tòḍṇ**

twono [twòṇṇò] *noun*
 denying a person a thing;
 refusing, refusal

twor [twòḍr] *verb*
 knock
twórrèè can be struck, knocked

tworo [twòḍrò] *verb*
 1 pushing
 2 knocking

twora [twòḍrà] *adverb*
 better

tworo [twóró] *noun*
 algae

tworo [tworo] [twóróḍ] *noun*
 sisal

twoyo [twòyyò] *verb*
 drying

tyang [tyàng] *noun*
 sugar cane

tye [tyéè] *adverb*
 1 present
 2 exist
 3 part of the phrase used in greetings

tyek [tyèèk] *verb*
 complete, finish
tyékkèè can be completed
tyèkkò completing

tyeko [tyèkkò] *n*
 completing

tyel [tyèèl] *verb*

support from collapsing
tyéllèè supporting each other

tyelo [tyèllò] *noun*
 towards the inner part of a house

tyen [tyèèn] *noun*
 1 leg, foot
 2 times. **tyèèn àryòḍ** twice

tyeng [tyèèng] *verb* make a stone rough enough for grinding

tyeng [tyèèng] *noun*
 line, queue

tyer [tyèèr] *verb*
 split, crack

tyer [tyèèr] *verb*
 to offer, sacrifice

tyer [tyéér] *noun*
 offering, sacrificing.

tyere [tyèrrèè] *verb*
 can be sacrificed

tyero [tyèrrò] *verb*
 sacrificing

tyero [tyèrrò] *verb*
 to lay the table

tyet [tyèèt] *verb*
 to divine, prophesise

tyet [tyèèt] *noun*
 divination, sacrifice

tyeto [tyèttò] *noun*
 divination

U u

uc [úc] *noun*
 a mock charge in a dance with a shield and spear in each hand

uci [úcì] *noun*
 thread
 SWA **uzi**
 ALSO **wúçì**

ucu [úcú] *noun*
 wood shavings

udu [ùḍù] *noun*
 ostrich

uk [ùḡk] *verb*
 (of mouth) to rinse
úkkèè can be rinsed
ùkkò rinsing

uk [ùḡk] *verb*
 empty **ùḡk píny** empty it down
úkkèè can be emptied
ùkkò emptying

uko [ùkkò] *noun*
 1 rinsing
 2 emptying

ul [ùḡl] *verb*
 shift a thing
ùḡl wókò shift it a bit
úllèè can be shifted, moved
ùllò shifting, moving

ule [ùllèè] *verb*
 feel ill (like puking)

ulo [ùllò] *verb*
 to cause ripples in water
ùllò píḡ is causing ripples in the water

um [úúm] *noun*
 nose

um [ùùm] *verb*
 cover, drape a thing over
úmmèè can be covered
ùmmèè covering the shelf
ùmmò draping

um [úúm] *verb*
 to be proud of a thing

umo [ùmmò] *noun*
 covering, draping

un [úún] *noun*
 pressure of work
úún mé tìḡ pressure of work
ùnnèè suffering

uno [únòḍ] *noun*
 rope

ur [úúr] *verb*
 wonder

ur [úúr] *noun*
 wonder, amazement
úrrá wondering
ùrrò wonde

uro [ùrrò] *noun*
 amazement, wonder

ute [ùttèè] *verb*
 urge to do something
 ALSO **yùttèè**

uu [ùù] *verb*
 chocking

uyo [ùyyò] *verb*
 chocking

uyu [ùyú] *noun*
 puff adder, viper

W w

wa [wā] *pronoun*
 first person plural; our, ours, us.
òt wā our house
òwàccì wā he told us

wa [wà] *adverb*
 until, upto
òcittò wà Kampla she went as far as Kampala

wa [wàà] *adverb*
excessive noise
dàno wóo ní wàà there was
a lot of noise
waa [wāā] *verb*
smear
wāā dóggi kī lēmūn smear
lemon on your mouth
wac [wāāc] *verb*
say
wáccēē can be said
wàccò saying
wac [wāāc] *adjective*
1 sour
2 of a person lazy
kōmmē wāāc he is lazy
wāāc kōm laziness
waco [wāāccò] *noun*
saying, telling
wad [wāād] *verb*
(to) remove to clear the way
wāād lūūm wòkò clear the
way
wadi [wādī] *noun*
relations, relatives
SGL **wàāt**
wai [wái] *interjection*
I say...
wake [wàkkēē] *noun*
pride, showing off
ALSO **àwáká**
wake [wàkkēē] *verb*
to be proud, to show off
wako [wàkkò] *verb*
inviting people for a com-
munal digging or chore
wal [wāāl] *verb*
remove the top to clear
wāāl lūūm má ìdyēē òt re-
move the grass in the room

wállēē can be gathered of
wàllò gathering, remov-
ing
walo [wàllò] *verb*
(of water) to boil
walo [wàllò] *noun*
gathering, removing
wan [wàán] *pronoun*
first person plural; we
wáán lùtédèrò we are peas-
ants
CFR **wā**
wang [wààng] *adverb*
how often a thing happens;
times
wàhng àryód twice
wang [wààng] *noun*
eye
wààng òt window
wang [wààng] *verb*
(to) set alight; burn
wánngēē can be set alight
wànggò setting alight, burn-
ing
wango [wànnngò] *noun*
burning, setting alight
wany [wààny] *noun*
desire a thing, crave for
wany [wààny] *verb*
(to) peel banana etc.
wánnnyēē can be peeled
wànnnyò peeling.
wanyo [wànnnyò] *noun*
1 peeling
2 craving for
war [wààr] *noun*
shoes
war [wààr] *noun*
remarrying other peoples
wife

war [wààr] *verb*
remove the top layer
ware [wàrrēē] *verb*
(of weather) to clear up
waro [wàrò] *noun*
cotton
ALSO **pám̀bà**
waro [wàrrò] *verb*
to compensate a person whose
wife you have married
waro [wàrrò] *noun*
removing the top layer
wat [wàāt] *verb*
relative, relation
waya [wáyá] *noun*
1 sister of your father; aunt
2 sister of your husband;
sister in law
waraga [wàràgà] *noun*
1 paper
2 letter
3 message
ARA *waraaq*
wayo [wàyò] *noun*
war dance before the an-
cestral shrine
wayo [wàyyò] *noun*
to sharpen the appetite by
eating
wec [wééc] *verb*
impuning
wee [wèē] *verb*
(to) change direction, de-
viate, veer
wee [wéē] *interjection*
exclamation of surprise
wego [wègò] *noun*
1 fathers
2 owners
SGL **wò̀d̀n**

wek [wèēk] *verb*
(to) leave
wékkēē can be left
wèkkēē leave her, abandon
her
wèkkò leaving, abandon-
ing
weko [wèkkò] *verb*
leaving, abandoning
wel [wéél] *noun*
cost, price, amount,
welo [wèlò] *noun*
guest, visitor
PLU **wèllēē**
wen [wéén] *noun*
neck
weng [wééng] *adverb*
all, completely
wer [wéér] *noun*
wooden dish
wer [wèēr] *verb*
paint or decorate
wer [wèēr] *verb*
(to) sing
wer [wéēr] *noun*
song, hymns
wero [wèrò] *noun*
singing
wi [wì] *preposition*
on top of; on
wì òt house top; roof
wì méjà on the table; ta-
ble top
wi [wì] *noun*
head
lyèllò wìc shaving head hair
ALSO **wìc**
wic [wìc] *noun*
head

lyèllò wìic shaving head hair
 ALSO wì
wil [wìi] *verb*
 (to) turn, twist, screw
wil [wìil] *verb*
 (to) buy
 wìllèè can be bought
 wìllè nuy for her
 wìllò buying
wil [wìil] *verb*
 flash (of lightning)
wil [wìil] *noun*
 buying, trading
wil [wìil] *verb*
 to sprain
 wìil tyèn spraining the leg
wil [wìil] *verb*
 (to) forget
 wìil wìic forgetfulness
wilo [wìllò] *noun*
 1 buying
 2 spraining
wino [wìnò] *noun*
 bristles made from the tail
 hair of giraffe
wino [wìnò] *noun*
 cord of the placenta
wing [wìing] *verb*
 (to) bend, deform, turn
 wìnngeè can be bent
winy [wìiny] *verb*
 1 hear
 2 listen
 wìnnnyèè can be heard
 wìnnnyè listen to her
winyo [wìnnnyò] *noun*
 1 hearing, listening
 2 understanding
winyo [wìnyò] *noun*
 bird

wir [wíir] *noun*
 pillar, central pole of the
 hut
wir [wìir] *verb*
 1 smear
 2 anoint
wir [wìir] *verb*
 turn, change direction
 wírrèè can be revolved
wiro [wìrrò] *noun*
 revolving
wit [wìit] *verb*
 fling, hurl
wit [wíit] *noun*
 ear of corn
wiu [wìù] *adverb*
 passing swiftly
 òkàttò ní wìù it passed swiftly
wiyo [wìyyò] *verb*
 to spin
woc [wòòc] *verb*
 drying, putting out to dry
wod [wòòd] *noun*
 1 son (of)
 2 young one of
wok [wòók] *noun*
 gap left when a tooth is
 extracted
woko [wòkó] *adverb*
 out, outside
wol [wòòl] *verb*
 poison
wolo [wòllò] *noun*
 poisoning
won [wòòn] *noun*
 1 father
 2 owner
 wònnèè the father; owner
wong [wòóng] *adverb*
 wide open

woo [wòò] *verb*
 (to) partially dry
woo [wòò] *verb*
 (to) make noise
woo [wòò] *noun*
 noise
woo [wòò] *verb*
 (of grain) to sprout
 káál wòò mádā millet has
 sprouted
wor [wòór] *noun*
 night
wor [wòór] *noun*
 greediness
wor [wòór] *verb*
 (to) respect
wor [wòór] *noun*
 respect
wora [wòrrā] *noun*
 my father
 PLU wègò
woro [wòrró] *verb*
 honouring, respecting
woro [wòrró] *noun*
 greediness
woro [wòòr] *noun*
 cow dung
wot [wòòt] *verb*
 (to) go
wot [wòòt] *noun*
 1 journey
 2 traveling
 3 travels
wot [wòòt] *verb*
 (to) extract, pull out
 wóttèè can be extracted—
 wòttò extraction, extract-
 ing
woto [wòttò] *noun*
 extracting, extraction

woto [wòttò] *noun*
 travelling, moving, jour-
 neys
wu [wū] *pronoun*
 short form of second per-
 son plural; your
 òt wū your house
 CFR wùún
wuci [wùccì] *noun*
 thread
 SWA uzi
 ALSO úccì
wun [wùún] *pronoun*
 (full form of second per-
 son pronoun; you
 wùún wéng all of you
 CFR wùú
wuru [wùrrù] *verb*
 preparing polenta; knead-
 ing

Y y

yaa [yáā] *adverb*
 not yet; still
 pé yáā òbínòò she has not
 yet arrived
yaa [yáá] *noun*
 shear butter
yaa [yáá] *noun*
 coeval
yar [yāār] *verb*
 spread out
 yárrèè can be spread out
 yàrrò spreading out
yab [yāāb] *verb*
 (to) open

yábbèè can be opened
yàbbò opening
yabo [yàbbò] *noun*
 opening
yac [yàāc] *verb*
 to become pregnant
yàccò impregnating
yac [yáác] *noun*
 pregnant
yaco [yàccò] *noun*
 impregnating
yago [yàgò] *noun*
 sausage tree
yak [yàāk] *verb*
 to rob, plunder
yákkèè can be plundered
yàkkò plundering, robbing
yak [yáák] *noun*
 robbery
yako [yàkkò] *noun*
 robbing, plundering
yago [yàgò] *noun*
 yam species
yal [yáál] *noun*
 present given during process of marriage
yal [yàāl] *verb*
 to give presents
yam [yáám] *adverb*
 long time ago
yamo [yàmò] *noun*
 air, wind
yang [yàāng] *verb*
 skin, gut
yang [yááng] *noun*
 in the past
 ALSO **yáám**
yango [yànnngò] *verb*
 to operate

yaro [yàrrò] *noun*
 spreading wide
yat [yààt] *noun*
 1 tree
 2 medicine
yec [yééc] *noun*
 1 load
 2 luggage
yec [yèèc] *verb*
 to tear
yéccèè can be torn apart
yèccò tearing apart
yec [yééc] *noun*
 acceptance
yeco [yèccò] *noun*
 ripping apart; tearing, shredding
yee [yèè] *verb*
 accept, agree, believe
yee [yèè] *verb*
 to lift and carry a load on the head
yene [yénnèè] *verb*
 it can be lifted and carried
yeng [yèèng] *verb*
 shake, loosen
yek [yèèk] *verb*
 to separate
yel [yèèl] *verb*
 to trouble, disturb
yele [yèllèè] *verb*
 struggling to make ends meet
yelo [yèllò] *noun*
 troubling
yen [yéén] *noun*
 firewood
yeng [yèèng] *verb*
 to shake

yénngèè can be shaken
yènnngò shaking
yeng [yééng] *noun*
 an insect
yeng [yèèng] *adverb*
 being full
yengo [yènnngò] *noun*
 shaking
yeny [yèèny] *verb*
 (to) search
yeny [yèèny] *verb*
 to boil; boil over
yenyo [yènnnyò] *verb*
 1 boiling
 2 fermenting
yenyo [yènnnyò] *noun*
 searching
yer [yèèr] *noun*
 hair
yèèr wìic hair (of the head)
yèèr tíik hair (of the chin); beard
yer [yèèr] *verb*
 select, elect
yèrrèè making selection
yèrrò selecting
yer [yéér] *noun*
 election, selection
yero [yèrrò] *noun*
 selecting, electing
yet [yèèt] *verb*
 to insult, abuse
yet [yéét] *noun*
 1 insult
 2 abuse
yèttèè trading insults
yèttò insulting
yet [yèèt] *verb*
 to sharpen

yéttèè can be sharpened
yèttò sharpening
yeto [yèttò] *noun*
 sharpening
yeto [yèttò] *noun*
 insulting
yeya [yèyà] *noun*
 boat, ship
yib [yíib] *noun*
 tail
 ALSO **ib**
yik [yíik] *verb*
 (to) bury
yik [yíik] *noun*
 burial
yìkkèè burying the self under a thing
yìkkò burying
yiko [yìkkò] *noun*
 burying
yil [yíil] *noun*
 itching
yir [yíir] *verb*
 1 to be bewitched
 2 to bewitch
yírrèè can be bewitched
yírrò bewitching
yiro [yírrò] *noun*
 bewitching
yiru [yìrù] *noun*
 smoke
 ALSO **yìtò**
yito [yìtò] *noun*
 smoke
 ALSO **ìtò, yìrù**
yog [yòōg] *verb*
 to loosen
yok [yòōk] *verb*
 to knock, butt
yókkèè can be knocked

yoko [yòkkò] *noun*
knocking, hitting
yom [yòm] *noun*
circumcised
yom [yòðòm] *adjective*
1 soft
2 easy
yòðòm cwííny happiness
yom [yòðòm] *noun*
day
yon [yòðon] *verb*
to move
yong [yòðong] *verb*
to add
yònnngò adding
yoo [yòð] *noun*
path, road
yoo [yòð] *verb*
(to) sprinkle
yot [yòðot] *adjective*
1 light
2 easy
yoyo [yòyyò] *verb*
sprinkle
yub [yùüb] *verb*
1 repair
2 prepare
3 adjust
yúbbèè can be repaired,
adjusted
yùbbèè getting ready, be-
ing prepared
yubu [yùbbù] *noun*
repairing, adjusting
yuc [yùùc] *verb*
to throw
yuc [yúúç] *noun*
throwing
yugi [yúgî] *noun*
rubbish

yuk [yùük] *verb*
(to) dig up
yul [yùül] *verb*
(to) pull
yulu [yùllù] *verb*
pulling up
yung [yúúng] *noun*
humour
yure [yùrrèè] *verb*
gliding down
yut [yùüt] *verb*
to snatch
yuto [yùttò] *noun*
jerking, snatching
yuto [yùttò] *verb*
1 (of weather) to darken
2 (of the sun) to set
yuu [yùü] *verb*
inhale
yuu [yùü] *verb*
(to) pluck
yuyo [yùyyò] *verb*
throwing
ywa [ywàā] *verb*
drag, pull
ywànnèè can be pulled
ywat [ywáát] *noun*
armpit
ALSO *ywéét*
ywac [ywáác] *noun*
dragging
ywayo [ywàyyò] *verb*
dragging
ywe [ywèè] *verb*
1 to breathe
2 to have a rest
3 to have a holiday
ywe [ywéé] *noun*
1 breathing

2 holiday
3 holidaying
ywec [ywééc] *noun*
1 breathing
2 holiday
3 resting
ywek [ywèèk] *verb*
become famous
yweka [ywèkkà] *noun*
fame, being famous
yweko [ywèkkò] *verb*
transporting
ywer [ywéér] *noun*
calf
ywer [ywéér] *noun*
sister or brother in law
ywer [ywèèr] *verb*
clear the water
ywero [ywèrrò] *noun*
being a sister or brother
in law
yweyo [ywèyyò] *verb*
sweep
ywi [ywî] *verb*
to make it become small
ywin [ywíín] *verb*
to make a thing become
smaller

English - Acholi

A a

abandon *verb*

1 kwèēr

2 wèēk

abandoning 1 kwèrrò

2 wèkkò

abate *verb*

kwèē

abating kwèē

abdomen *noun*

1 ìc

2 ìyè

ablaze *adjective*

wààng

able *adjective*

twérròò

abolish *verb*

gèēng

abolishing gènnngò

abortion *noun*

ònnnyò ìc

abound *verb*

dwòṛṛṛṛ

about *preposition*

ì kòṛṛṛṛ

above *preposition*

màlò

abroad *adverb*

lòkā

abscond *verb*

lwīī

absconding 1 lwīī

2 kwàllèè

absent *adjective*

pé (tyéè)

abundant *adjective*

dwòṛṛṛṛ, pòṛṛṛṛ

abuse *verb*

yèēt

abusing 1 yèttò

2 yèēt

abuse *noun*

yèēt

accede *verb*

yèē

acceding yèē

accept *verb*

yèē

accurate *verb*

àtíír

accuse *verb*

dòṛṛṛṛ

accusing *verb*

dòttò

ache *verb*

rèēm

aching rèēm

acre *noun*
ékà (ENG)
add *verb*
1 mèēd
2 riīb
adding 1 mèddò
2 ribbò
addition *noun*
mèddò
admit *verb*
yèē
admitting 1 yèē
2 yēc
adze *noun*
kòyò
after *adverb*
1 ìngèyè
2 làcēc
afterbirth *noun*
byèrrò
again *adverb*
tòó, òdòccó
age *noun*
mwàká
agitate *verb*
tùūb
agree *verb*
yèē
ahead *adverb*
ìnyíim
aid *noun*
kóóny
aiding kónnyò
aid *verb*
kòōny
Aids *noun*
1 twòò jònnyò
2 cìlìm
aim *verb*

èēm
aiming èmmò
air *noun*
yàmò
aircraft *noun*
dégè
SWA ndege
airfield *noun*
1 bààr dégè
2 màtáár
ARA mataar
alarm *noun*
òdùúr
alike *adjective, adverb*
cáál
alive *adjective*
kwód
all *adjective, noun*
1 wééng
2 dúcú
allow *verb*
yèē
allowing yèē
alone *adjective*
kénneē
also *adverb*
bènē
altar *noun*
àltàrè (ENG)
alter *verb*
gèēr
alteration *noun*
gèrrò
ambassador *noun*
lácùùng
among *preposition*
ìkìn
ancestor *noun*
kwàrrò

and *conjunction*
1 bènē
2 kí
angel *noun*
màláíkà
SWA malaika
anger *noun*
1 gèrròò
2 kèccò
angry *adjective*
gèēr
animal *noun*
lèē
another *adjective, pronoun*
múkēnēē
answer *noun*
làgáám
answer *verb*
gàām
answerable *adjective*
gámmēē
ant *noun*
ngìnì ngínì
any *pronoun, adjective*
mòó kèkēn
give me any mìyà móó kēkēn
arm *noun*
bààd
arms *noun*
lùdùkù
as *adverb, preposition*
cállòò
ask *verb*
pèēny
asking pēnyò
assembly *noun*
kàcòkkèē
at *preposition*
í

axe *noun*
lètòóng

B b

baboon *noun*
àyóóm
baby *noun*
làtín
babysitter *noun*
1 làpiddì
2 àyáà
bachelor *noun*
lábòt
back *noun*
ngèē
back *adverb*
cēcēn, ìngēcēn
bad *adjective*
ràc
bag *noun*
kicàú
baggage *noun*
tèēr
bald *adjective*
tààl (wìyè)
ball *noun*
òdìlò
balloting *noun*
bòllò kwùr
bamboo *noun*
kòó
banana *noun*
lábòlò
bangle *noun*
àbwóól
bar *noun*
bàà

baptism *noun*
 bàtíçimò
bargaining *noun*
 làrrò wéél
barrel *noun*
 pípa
bat *noun*
 òlúk
bead *noun*
 tíkòdò
bean *noun*
 mùràngà, ngòdòr
bear *verb*
 nywàāl
bearing 1 nywàāl
 2 nywàllò
beard *noun*
 yèèr tíík
beat *verb*
 gòdò
beating gòyyò
beautiful *adjective*
 lèng
bed *noun*
 kitánà
bee *noun*
 kííc
beef *noun*
 rìngò
begin *verb*
 1 càāk
 2 èēr
begining 1 càkkò
 2 èrrò
behind *adverb, preposition*
 ìngèèc
bell *noun*
 òláng
belt *noun*
 gáác

bend *verb*
 gòòm
bending gòmòmò
bent *adjective*
 ògòm
big *adjective*
 dít
bile *noun*
 kèdá
bind *verb*
 twèè
binding twèyyò
birth *noun*
 nywàāl
bishop *noun*
 bícòp (ENG)
bite *verb*
 kàā
biting kàyyò
bitter *adjective*
 kééc
black *noun, adjective*
 códì
bleed *verb*
 cwèè
blood *noun*
 rẹmọ
blunt *adjective*
 bàām
boasting *verb*
 1 wàkkèè
 2 àwákká
body *noun*
 kòdòm
boil *verb*
 1 lyèèt
 2 mùūr
boiling 1 lyèttò 2 mùrrò
bone *noun*
 cògọ

book *noun*
 búk (ENG)
border *noun*
 kòdòr
bottle *noun*
 1 cúpà
 2 gìjájà
 ARA gízaza
bottom *noun, preposition*
 1 térrèè
 2 té
boundary *noun*
 kòór
bow *noun*
 àtùùm
bow *verb*
 gùùm
bowing gùmmò
bowl *noun*
 àtàbò
box *noun*
 cànđúúk
 ARA shandah
boxing *noun*
 bókcìng ENG
boy *noun*
 àwọbị
 PLU àwọbẹ
bra *noun*
 kilégà
brain *noun*
 àdàám
brake *noun*
 bürék (ENG)
branch *noun*
 jàāny
bravery *noun*
 tèèk cwííny

break *verb*
 tùūr
breaking tùrrò
breast *noun*
 tùnò
breathe *verb*
 ywèè
brew *verb*
 tèèd
bring *verb*
 kẹ̀l
bringing kẹ̀llò
broad *adjective*
 láác
brother *noun*
 òmfin
brother in law *noun*
 mùkọ
build *verb*
 gèèr
building gèrrò
bull *noun*
 twòdòn
burn *verb*
 wāāng
burning wāāngò
burst *verb*
 tyèēr
bursting tyèrrò
bus *noun*
 báác
button *noun*
 jàràrà
 ARA zírara
butterfly *noun*
 làpwópwòd
buy *verb*
 wííl
buying willò

C c

call *verb*
lwòḍḍḅḅḅḅ
calling lwòḍḍḅḅḅḅ
camel *noun*
kínáḡáà
camera *noun*
kámērà (ENG)
camp *noun*
kéém (ENG)
cane *noun*
lùùt
car *noun*
mòtòkà (ENG)
case *noun*
kèéc (ENG)
cassava *noun*
gwánà
cassette *noun*
kàcéét (ENG)
cat *noun*
1 pùḡḡḡ
2 bùràá
catch *verb*
màāk
catechism *noun*
kàtèkícimù (ENG)
cattle *noun*
dyángí
SGL dyààng
cave *noun*
bòrò
cell *noun*
1 jèlà (ENG)
2 màbùḡḡḡ
ARA maboosh
chain *noun*
nyòòr

chair *noun*
kóóm
charcoal *noun*
1 biló
2 màkáár
SWA makaar
chase *verb*
ryèēm
cheek *noun*
lèḡḡḡ
chest *noun*
kòḡḡḡ
chicken *noun*
gwèḡḡḡ
chickpea leaf *noun*
bòò
chief *noun*
rwòḡḡḡ
PLU rwòḡḡḡ
child *noun*
làtín
chili *noun*
1 kàmlàrà
2 cètà
ARA sheetaḡḡ
chop *verb*
tòḡḡḡ
church *noun*
kànícà
ara kanais
cigarette *noun*
táá
civilian *noun*
rèyáà
SWA reyaa
class *noun*
kíláác (ENG)
clean *adjective*
lèḡḡḡ

clerk *noun*
kàràán
clever *adjective*
ryèèk
clock *noun*
càà
SWA saa
close *adjective*
cók
close *verb*
lòḡḡḡ, cèḡḡḡ
clothes *noun*
bòḡḡḡ
cloud *noun*
pòòl
coat *noun*
kòḡḡḡ (ENG)
coarse *adjective*
gwààr
cock *noun*
twòḡḡḡ gwèḡḡḡ
coffee *noun*
1 káwà
ALSO gáwà
SWA khawa
2 búḡḡḡ
ARA buun
3 òméén
cold *adjective*
1 ḡḡḡḡ
2 kòyò
colour *noun*
1 ráḡḡḡ
SWA rangi
2 búyà
ARA buyaa
comb *noun*
1 làkéét
2 mícīt
ARA mishiit

comb *verb*
kèēt
combing kèttò
come *verb*
bìḡḡḡ
coming bìnḡḡḡ
commandment *noun*
1 cík
2 óḡḡḡ
commence *verb*
càāk
commencing càkkò
commerce *noun*
càat
compete *verb*
pyèēm
conceal *verb*
kàān
concealing kànnò
cook *verb*
tèḡḡḡ
cooking tēddò
cook *noun*
lètēḡḡḡ
PLU lùtēḡḡḡ
cool *adjective*
ḡḡḡḡ
corn *noun*
ànyógū
coporal *noun*
kòpòlò (ENG)
count *verb*
kwàān
counting kwànnò
course *noun*
kòḡḡḡ (ENG)
court *noun*
kòḡḡḡ, lùkìkò
cousin *noun*
làràà

cover *verb*
 ùũm
covering dùmmò
cow *noun*
 dyààng
 PLU dyààngí
coward *adjective*
 lălwórrò
 PLU lălwórrò
crab *noun*
 ọgórẹ
crack *verb*
 tyèèr
crane *noun*
 ọwàlú
credit *noun*
 1 bányá
 2 dẹen
 SWA den
cripple *noun*
 làngòlò
crop *noun*
 kọdị
cross *noun*
 yààt àrịà
crow *noun*
 àgáák
crowd *noun*
 lwààk
crucify *verb*
 gùũr
crucifying gùrrò
cry *verb*
 kọdọk
crying kọkọ
cup *noun*
 1 kịkọpọ
 SWA kikopo
 2 kùbáyà
 ARA khubaya

cure *verb*
 càāng
curing càנגò
cut *verb*
 ngòòl
cutting ngòllò

D d

dab *verb*
 dùũny
dad *noun*
 bàbá
daily *adverb, adjective*
 jwìl
dance *verb*
 myèèl
dancing myèèl
dance *noun*
 myèèl
dangerous *adjective*
 rààc
dark *noun*
 cọl
darn *verb*
 kwòò
date *noun*
 nìnò dwèè
daughter in law *noun*
 cịl wọddàdà
daughter *noun*
 nyààr
my daughter nyàrà
dawn *noun*
 rùùpíny
day *noun*
 1 (of the week) cẹèng

2 nìnnò
 3 (time) dyèè cẹèng
death *noun*
 tòò
debt *noun*
 bányá
deceit *noun*
 bwólá
deceive *verb*
 bwòòl
deceiving bwòllò
decline *verb*
 kwèèr
defeat *noun*
 lóóc, lóyyò
defeat *verb*
 lòò
defeating lóyyò
delay *verb*
 gàál
delaying gállò
depart *verb*
 àà
departing àà
derision *noun*
 ngáálá
devil *noun*
 cítáán (ENG)
dew *noun*
 tọyọ
diarrhoea *noun*
 cádòò
die *verb*
 tòò
different *adjective*
 pààt
difficult *adjective*
 tèèk
difficulty *noun*
 pékkóò

dig *verb*
 pùũr
dilute *verb*
 cùũl
diluting cùllò
dirt *noun*
 cìllò
disease *noun*
 twòò
dismiss *verb*
 ryèèm
dismissal *noun*
 ryèmmò
dispensary *noun*
 ọt yààt
disturb *verb*
 yèèl
disturbing yèllò
dive *verb*
 lwĩĩny
divert *verb*
 wèè
divide *verb*
 pọ̀ọk
doctor *noun*
 dàktár
dog *noun*
 gwọ̀ọk
door *noun*
 dọgọlà
down *preposition, adverb*
 píny
dowry *noun*
 1 kẹ̀en
 2 lìim
draw *verb*
 gòò
drawing gòyyò
dread *noun*
 lwọ̀rrò

dream *noun*
lɛ́ɛk
drift *verb*
mòòl
drink *noun*
mààt
drink *verb*
mààt
drinking *màttò*
drive *verb*
dwòò
driving *noun*
dwòyyò
drug *noun*
yààt
drum *noun*
bùùl
drunkard *noun*
làmérrò
PLU lùmérò
dry *verb*
twòò
drying *twòyyò*
duck *noun*
1 bátà
2 àtùdù
dust *noun*
àpwàà

E e

eagle *noun*
òkwátèng
ear *noun*
ít
early *adjective, adverb*
còòn

earth *noun*
ngòòm, lèbò
earthworm *noun*
òtwóól kòòt
easy *adjective*
yòòt
east *noun*
(kù)nyàngò
Easter *noun*
páckà
ITA pasqua
eat *verb*
càām
eating *càmmò*
edible *adjective*
twéró càmmèè; càmmèè
egg *noun*
tóng (gwénò)
eight *adjective, noun*
àbòrò
either *pronoun, adjective*
1 nyò
2 ònyò
elbow *noun*
1 lògùlè
2 òtwééng
elder *noun*
làdíít
PLU lùdìttò
election *noun*
bòlò kwìir
elephant *noun*
lyèèc
elope *verb*
pòòr
eloping *pòrrò*
elopement *noun*
pòòr
empty *adjective*
twóólò

end *noun*
àgíkí
enter *verb*
dòòny
entering *dònnnyò*
envelope *noun*
1 bàácà
SWA baasha
2 jèrìp
ARA zeerif
envy *noun*
nyékkòò
equal *adjective*
ròòm
error *noun*
báál
escape *verb*
lwíí
eucalyptus *noun*
kàlàtútúc (ENG)
even *adverb*
bèñě
evening *noun*
òtyénò
everybody *pronoun*
dánó dúcū, dànó wééng
everyday *pronoun*
nìnnò dúcū
everyone *pronoun*
1 dánó dúcū
2 dànó wééng
everything *pronoun*
jémì wééng
everywhere *adverb*
kàbèdò wééng
examine *verb*
ngíí
examination *noun*
1 pèény
2 ngíyyò

example *noun*
1 lèbòól
2 lènyútút
excavate *verb*
gòòl
excavation *gòllò*
exhaust *verb*
òòl
exhaustion *noun*
óllò
explain *verb*
tíít
explanation *títtò*
eye *noun*
wààng
eyewitness *noun*
1 làcàdéén
2 càdéén

F f

fable *noun*
òdòdò
face *noun*
nyíim
fail *verb*
pòòt
failing *pòttò*
fall *verb*
pòòt
false *adjective*
ngúná, gòbà
fame *noun*
ngééc
famine *noun*
kèèc
far *adverb, adjective*
bòòr

farm *noun*
pòtò
fast *adverb, adjective*
dwĩr
fat *noun*
cwéér
father *noun*
1 wòdòr
my father wòrrá
her father wònnéè
your father wòrrũ
2 (of church, priest) pádì
ITA *padre*
father in law *noun*
kwàrrò
kwàrrà my father in law
fault *noun*
báál
fear *noun*
lwórròdò
fear *verb*
lwòdòr
feed *verb*
piĩt
feeding *noun*
pittò
fence *noun*
cèèl
fence *verb*
cèèl
fencing cèllò
fetch *verb*
1 kẹ̀l
2 òòm
field *noun*
1 (of plants) pòtò
2 (of games etc) bààr
fight *noun*
1 lwéeny
2 mwòdony

fight *verb*
lwéeny
fill *verb*
1 piĩk
2 pòdòng
filling pikdò, [pònnngò
find *verb*
nwòdòng
finding nwònnngò
fine *adjective*
bèèr
fire *noun*
màāc
firefly *noun*
òtĩt
fireplace *noun*
kẹ̀nò
fish *noun*
rééc
fish *verb*
màkkò rééc
fishmonger *noun*
làcàāt rééc
five *noun*
àbũc
fix *verb*
yũb
fixing yũbbù
flag *noun*
1 bèndérà
SWA *bandera*
2 bérà
ARA *bera*
flee *verb*
ngwèèc
floor *noun*
dyèè òt
flour *noun*
mòkò

flower *noun*
àtúrè
fly *noun*
lwàngò
PLU lwàngĩ
fold *verb*
bàān
food *noun*
cáám
fool *adjective*
lāmĩng
PLU lùmĩnggòdò
foot *noun*
tyèèn
on foot kĩ tyèèn
football *noun*
1 òdĩlò
2 mupĩrà
footprint *noun*
1 jwĩt
2 kòòr tyèèn
forefathers *noun*
kwàyò, lùkwáyò
forest *noun*
bũngá
fox *noun*
tòdò
friend *noun*
làrèèm
PLU lùrèèm
my friend làrèmā, làrèmāā
your friend làrēmĩ, làrēmũ
frog *noun*
ògwààl
fry *verb*
cèèl
frying cèllò
full *adjective*
òpòdòng

funeral *noun*
lyèèl
funeral rites gùrrò lyèèl

G g

game *noun*
(of sports) tũkkò
game *noun*
(of animals) lẹ̀è tĩm
garden *noun*
pòttò
gazelle *noun*
tĩl
germinate *verb*
1 àà
2 twĩ
gift *noun*
mĩc
ginger *noun*
tàngàtĩjĩ
giraffe *noun*
rĩ
girl *noun*
ànyáká
PLU ànyĩrà
give *verb*
mĩ
gizzard *noun*
lòmòdò
glass *noun*
gíláác (ENG)
glasses *noun*
màdàrà
glue *noun*
òdòdòk
go *verb*
cĩt

God *noun*

1 (of Anglicans) Lùbàngà

2 (of Catholics) Rùbàngà

BNT *ruhangà*

gold *noun*

1 dábù

2 jábù

ARA *dhaab*

good *adjective*

bèèr

PLU *bèccò*

gore *verb*

còòb

goring *còbbò*

gourd *noun*

àwààl

government *noun*

gàmèntè (ENG)

grain *noun*

béél

granary *noun*

dèrò

granny *noun*

dàà

grasshopper *noun*

òtwóòngóò

grave *noun*

lyèèl

greed *noun*

wòòr

greet *verb*

mòòt

greetings *noun*

móòt

grief *noun*

kúmmóò

groan *verb*

cùùr

ground *noun*

1 ngòòm

2 píny

groundnut *noun*

pùùl

grow *verb*

dòñg

growth *noun*

dònnngò

guess *verb*

gèèc

guessing *gèccò*

guerilla *noun*

àdùì

guerilla warfare *lwény àlìbùù*

guest *noun*

wèllò

PLU *wèllèè*

guitar *noun*

gítà (ENG)

gum *noun*

òdòòk

gun *noun*

lùdùkù

H h

habit *noun*

kíít

hack *verb*

tòòng

haggle *verb*

làār

haggle the price *làār wèllèè*

hail *noun*

pèè

hair *noun*

yèèr

beard *yèèr tíík*

head hair *yèèr wííc*

half *noun*

nùcù

ARA *nush*

halt *verb*

1 gíík

2 gùùk

3 cùùng

hammer *noun*

nyónò

SWA *nyondo*

hand *noun*

cíng

handkerchief *noun*

1 làtáám

2 kitámbarà

SWA *kitambara*

handwriting *noun*

cóóc

hang *verb*

1 ngàáb

2 gàáb

3 (of humans) dèè

hard *adjective*

tèèk

hardship *noun*

pékkóò

harm *verb*

wàān

harvest *noun*

káác

harvest *verb*

kàā

hat *noun*

òtòk

hatch *verb*

tòòk

hate *verb*

dààg

hatred *noun*

dàggò, dáág

he *pronoun*

èn

head *noun*

wíì

headache *noun*

àbàār wííc

heal *verb*

càā

health *noun*

yòòt kòòm

heap *verb*

càān

hear *verb*

wíìny

hearing *noun*

wíìnyò

heart *noun*

cwíìny

hearth *noun*

kèñò

heat *adjective*

lyèttòò

heating *noun*

lyèttòò

heaven *noun*

pòlò

heavy *adjective*

pèèk

heel *noun*

púúny, òpúúny

hell *noun*

kàpííny

help *noun*

kóóny

help *verb*

kòóny

hen *noun*
gwèndò

her *pronoun*
én

her *adjective*
mèrrèè

herd *noun*
lwàāk

herd *verb*
kwàāt

here *adverb*
kàāny

heritage *noun*
téé kwàrrò

hers *pronoun*
1 méréè
2 méggéè
3 the short form -e

hew *verb*
tòṭṭṅ

hiccup *noun*
gììk, gèèk

hide *verb*
kàān

hide *noun*
dèlèl

high *adverb*
màlō

hill *noun*
gòòt

him *pronoun*
én

hip *noun*
tààc

hippopotamus *noun*
ràà

hire *verb*
pàāng

his *pronoun*
1 mèrrèè
2 méggéè
3 the suffix -e

hit *verb*
gòḍ

HIV *noun*
1 twòḍ jònnyó
2 cìlîm

hive *noun*
bòṇṅ

hoard *verb*
kàān

hoe *noun*
kwèrí

hold *verb*
màāk

hole *noun*
bùùr

holiday *noun*
ywéyyó

holy *noun*
lèṅṅ

holiness *noun*
lénngó

home *noun*
1 pàcò
2 gààng

honey *noun*
(mòḍ) kịc

hook *noun*
(of fishing) gòlì

horn *noun*
1 (of animal) tịṭṅṅ
2 (musical) bựrụjị

horse *noun*
àgúrágúrà

hot *adjective*
1 lyèṭṭ
2 (of pepper) kééc

hour *noun*
cáà, cáwàà
SWA saa

house *noun*
òt
PLU ụdị, òdị

how *adverb*
nị́nị́ng

huge *adjective*
dịìt

human *noun*
dánóḍ

humble *adjective*
mwòḍl

hump *noun*
òrúúk

hunch *noun*
òrúúk

hundred *noun*
mịà

hunger *noun*
kèèc

hunt *noun, verb*
dwààr

husband *noun*
cwààr
(the, her) cwàrrè
my husband cwàrrá
your husband cwàrrị́

husk *noun*
póók

hut *noun*
òt PLU ódị, ụdị

hyena *noun*
làlúúr

I i

I *pronoun*
1 án
2 short form, the suffix -a

ice *noun*
pèè

idea *noun*
táám

idiot *adjective*
lámìnṅ

if *conjunction*
1 ká
2 ká cè

ill *adjective*
twòḍ

illness *noun*
twòḍ

image *noun*
cáál

important *adjective*
(of importance) pìrrè tèèk

impossible *adjective*
pè twérrèè

in *preposition*
ì

increase *verb*
1 mèèd 2 nyàā

increment *noun*
1 mèddò
2 nyàyyò

indigenous *adjective*
ànywáí

infancy *noun*
tịnnòḍ

infirm *noun*
làgòrò

influenza *noun*
àbúru

inherit *verb*
lääk
inheritance *noun*
lakkò
inject *verb*
còòb
ink *noun*
ìnkì (ENG)
insert *verb*
rwòò
intestine *noun*
cijn
iron *noun*
(of clothing) páác
iron *verb*
1 rwèè
2 gòò
island *noun*
àcúlá
ALSO cúlá
itch *verb*
îl
itching *noun*
illóò

J j

jab *verb*
còòb
jackal *noun*
tòò
jail *noun*
1 jélà
ENG gaol
2 mậbúúç
ARA maboush
3 cígìin
ARA sīgìin

jaw *noun*
cwààk
jealousy *noun*
nyèkòò
jest *noun*
ngállá
job *noun*
tìic
joke *noun*
ngállá
journey *noun*
wòòt
joy *noun*
yòòm cwíiny
judgment *noun*
ngòllò lèòk
jungle *noun*
bùngá

K k

keep *verb*
gwòòk
keeping gwòkkò
kettle *noun*
bìníkà
SWA binika
key *noun*
1 làgódny
2 mùpùtáà
ARA muftaah
kick *verb*
gwèè
kicking gwèyyò
kid *noun*
làtíin
PLU lùtínò, lītíní

kidney *noun*
kill *verb*
nèèk
killing *noun*
nèèk, nèkkò
kin *noun*
wààt
kindle *verb*
mòòk
kindling mòkkò
kitchen *noun*
1 jòkòón
SWA jokoni
2 mòdùbà
ARA moudba
kite *noun*
òkwátèèng
knead *verb*
1 nyòòb
2 myèèn
kneading nyòbbò, myènnò
knee *noun*
còòng
kneel *verb*
gùtìng
kneeling gùnngò
knickers *noun*
libáác
ARA libaas
knife *noun*
pàlà
knit *verb*
kwòò
knitting kwòyyò
knock *verb*
1 (of door etc) dwòòng
2 (of car etc) yòòk
knocking dwònnngò, dwòyyò

know *verb*
ngèè
knowing ngèyyò, ngééc
knowledge *noun*
ngééc

L l

labour *noun*
(of work) tìic
ladder *noun*
rwóóm
ladle *noun*
làtóók
lake *noun*
nààm
lame *noun*
làgòrò
PLU lùgòrò
lamp *noun*
tàrà
land *noun*
1 ngòòm
2 lèbò
language *noun*
lééb
lap *verb*
nàāng
lapping nànnngò
large *adjective*
láác
last *adverb*
àgíkí
late *noun*
(deceased) lyèlli
latrine *noun*
nùcùráán
ARA nustraa

laugh *verb*
 nyèër
laughter *noun*
 nyèrròò
launch *verb*
 càāk
law *noun*
 cíik
lawn *noun*
 mọ́dọ́
lay *verb*
 kẹ̀ẹ̀t
 laying kẹ̀ttọ́
lazy *noun*
 nyààc
 lāwàc kọ̀dọ́m lazy person
leach *noun*
 òdíní
lead *verb*
 tèēl
 leading làtèllò
leader *noun*
 làtèēl w̃f̃ic
leaf *noun*
 òbòkè
leaking *noun*
 1 cwẹ̀ẹ̀r
 2 tóòn
lean *verb*
 jẹ̀ẹ̀ng
learn *verb*
 pwọ̀ọ̀ny
 learning pwọ̀nnyọ́
leather *noun*
 dẹ̀ẹ̀l
leave *verb*
 wèēk
left *noun*
 làcààm
 CFR làcùt̃ic

leg *noun*
 tyèèn
lend *verb*
 1 miĩ
 2 bàā
 lending mìyyò, bàyyò
leper *noun*
 làdòbó
 PLU lùdòbó
leprosy *noun*
 dòbó
lesson *noun*
 pwọ̀ọ̀ny
let *verb*
 wèēk
 letting wèkkò
letter *noun*
 wárāgà
 ARA waraq
liar *noun*
 làgòbà PLU lùgòbà
lice *noun*
 ọ̀nyọ̀g̃i
lick *verb*
 nàāng
 licking nànnngò
lid *noun*
 1 dóóg
 2 w̃iĩ
lie *noun*
 1 gọ̀bà
 2 ng̃úñná
lie *verb*
 ng̃ùb̃un
 lying ng̃úñná
life *noun*
 kwóò
lift *noun*
 1 iĩl
 2 t̃iĩng

3 ẹ̀ẹ̀l
 lifting ìllò, t̃inñgò. ẹ̀llò
light *adjective*
 yòòt
light *noun*
 mààc
lightning *noun*
 lùkòòt, lùtkòòt
like *noun*
 cằllòò
limping *noun*
 kóm̃mòò
 she is limping tyéé kà kóm̃mòò
line *noun*
 tyèèng
line *verb*
 ryèè
 lining ryèyyò
load *noun*
 tẹ̀ẹ̀r
load *verb*
 càān
 loading cànnò
loan *noun*
 1 dẹ̀ẹ̀n
 2 bányá
lock *verb*
 1 p̃ũng
 2 cẹ̀ẹ̀g
 locking p̃unñgò, cẹ̀ggò
locust *noun*
 ọ̀bọ̀nyọ̀ò
long *adjective*
 bọ̀ọ̀r
 PLU bọ̀ccọ́
look *verb*
 nẹ̀ēn
 looking nèñnò
loofah *noun*
 àmòd̃or

loose *verb*
 rwèēny
 losing rwènnnyọ́
lorry *verb*
 lọ̀r̃i (ENG)
louse *noun*
 ọ̀nyọ̀g̃i
love *noun*
 máár
love *verb*
 màār
 loving màrrò

M m

machete *noun*
 pàngà
mad *adjective*
 làpwòyā
 PLU lùpwòyā
mail *verb*
 cwàāl
 mailing cwàllò
main *adjective*
 màd̃f̃t
maize *noun*
 ànyó̃g̃i
make *verb*
 t̃iĩm
 making t̃immò
man *noun*
 1(human) dánóò
 2 (male) làcòò
manage *verb*
 twèēr
mango *noun*
 mágà

manhood *noun*
còdò

mankind *noun*
dánòdò

many *noun*
1 dwòfòng
2 pòdòl

mark *verb*
gwèèt
marking gwèttò

market *noun*
cùṽk
ARA shouk

martyr *noun*
làcàdén rẹmọ

mash *verb*
nyòdòt

Mass *noun*
mícà
ITA messa

massage *verb*
màād
massaging màddò

mat *noun*
mùkèkà

match *noun*
(of football) ọdìllọ

match *noun*
kìbìrīt

mate *verb*
ittò

mate *noun*
làrẹèm

mathematics *noun*
cùráà

matrimony *noun*
nyòdòm

me *pronoun*
àn

meagre *adjective*
tídí

meal *noun*
cáám

means *noun*
yọdọ

measure *verb*
pīīm

meat *noun*
rìngọ

mechanic *noun*
màkánìkà (ENG)

medicine *noun*
1 yààt
2 dává
SWA dawa

meet *verb*
rwàttèè

meeting *noun*
1 kàcòkèè
2 rwàttèè

melt *verb*
1 mèè 2 lòò

mend *verb*
kwòò

mending kwòyyò

merchant *noun*
làcààt
PLU lùcààt

mercy *noun*
kìcà

merge *verb*
rīb

midday *noun*
dyèècèèng

middle *noun*
1 kàtikàtì
2 nùcù
SWA nusu

midwife *noun*
làcọlọ

migrate *verb*
dààk

mile *noun*
máìl (ENG)

military *noun*
mọdọny

milk *noun*
cààk

mill (grinding) *noun*
1 cùmà
2 tàùnà
ARA tauna

millet *noun*
káál

mind *noun*
àdám

mine *pronoun*
1 mèrráà
2 méggáà

minute *noun*
dàkíkà
SWA dakika

miracle *noun*
tángọ

miser *noun*
làgèèm, làwọrrọ

misery *noun*
1 cààn
2 pékkòdò

misfortune *noun*
gùùm mārāàc

mission *noun*
1 mícāàn
2 mícọdọn (ENG)

mist *noun*
1 lùpù
2 lwóóc

mistake *noun*
báál

mix *verb*
1 nyòdòb
2 rùṽb
mixing nyòbbò, rùbbù

moan *verb*
kọ̀kọ̀

moaning kọ̀kkọ̀

mob *noun*
lwààk

month *noun*
dwèè

moon *noun*
dwèè

morning *noun*
1 ọdìkọ
2 kọdìkọ

mosquito *noun*
ọbẹ̀ẹ̀r

most *adjective*
pòòl

mother *noun*
mìn

mother-in-law *noun*
màrrò

motocar *noun*
1 mòtòkà (ENG)
2 àràbíà
ARA arabia

mould *verb*
cwèè

moulding cwèyyò

mount *noun*
gòdòt

mount *verb*
iīt

mounting ittò, yittò

mourn *verb*

kúúm
mourning kúmmòò
mouse *noun*
 òyòò
mouth *noun*
 dóóg
move *verb*
 dīr
moving dīrrò
move back dīrré cēen
muck *noun*
 còttò
mud *noun*
 còttò
mum *noun*
 mīn
 PLU mèggù
mumps *noun*
 labututu
murder *noun*
 nèèk
murder *verb*
 nèèk
mushroom *noun*
 òbwóól
music *noun*
 wēer
my *adjective*
 1 nā
 2 the prefix - a
my book búkkā
mystery *noun*
 tángó

N n

nail *noun*

1(metal) lùcùmmáár 2 (humans) lwéét
nail *verb*
 gùūr
naked *adjective*
 1 lùdòók
 2 lùnéró 3 mùnéró
name *noun*
 nyíng
naming mìyyò nyíng
baptism màkkò nyíng
nation *noun*
 1 lèbò
 2 ngòdòm
narrow *adjective*
 dìng
native *noun*
 ànywáí
neat *noun*
 lèng
near *adjective*
 cóók
neck *noun*
 ngùùt
need *noun*
 mīt
need *verb*
 mīt
needle *noun*
 lībīrà
 ARA *ibra*
neighbour *noun*
 jīrànì
 ARA *jiraan*
nephew *noun*
 òkèò
nerve *noun*

nest *noun*
 òt wīnnyó

net *noun*
 bwóó
new *adjective*
 nyèen
news *noun*
 kwènà
nice *adjective*
 1 bèēr 2 līm
nickname *noun*
 nyíng mwòóc
niece *noun*
 làkèò
night *noun*
 1 dyèè wòòr
 2 wòòr
nit *noun*
 ònyógò
no *adverb*
 1 pèè
 2 kùù
nose *noun*
 úúm
not *adverb*
 1 kùù
 2 pèè
not him én kùù
not black pèè cóòl
now *adverb*
 kòmbedì
nowadays *adverb*
 kúnnyòní
numb *adjective*
 dīng
number *noun*
 námbà (ENG)
nun *noun*
 còrè
 ITA *suora*
nut *noun*
 náti (ENG)

nylon *noun*
 náílòon (ENG)

O o

oar *noun*
 òpól
oath *noun*
 kwòòng
obey *verb*
 lùūb
obeying lùbbò
ochre *noun*
 pálá
offence *noun*
 yèèt
offend *verb*
 yèèt
offending yèttò
ogre *noun*
 òbìbì
oil *noun*
 mòò
old *adjective*
 òtī
once *adverb*
 gicèèl
one *noun*
 àcéèl
one *pronoun*
 ngààt
onion *noun*
 1 kītùngúlù
 SWA *kitungulu*
 2 bácalà
 ARA *basalaa*
only *adjective, adverb*
 kékén

picture *noun*
 cáál
pig *noun*
 òpégò
pile *verb*
 1 dòòb
 2 cààn
pillow *noun*
 1 làtẹn wịc
 2 màkádà
 ARA *makaada*
pipe *noun*
 pálpò (ENG)
pit *noun*
 bụúr
place *noun*
 kàbèdò
place *verb*
 kẹt
placenta *noun*
 byèrrò
plan *noun*
 pùlàn (ENG)
plant *verb*
 piit
 planting pittò
plate *noun*
 cáán, cákààn
 ARA *sahaan*
play *noun*
 tịkkù
play *verb*
 tịk
 playing tịkkù
pleat *verb*
 kàād
 pleating kàddò
plough *verb*
 pùūr
 ploughing pùrò

pocket *noun*
 1 jábà
 2 jébà
 ARA *jeeba*
pod *noun*
 pót
point *verb*
 1 nyüt
 2 cĩm
pointless *adjective*
 kónyé pē
poison *noun*
 kwịr
poison *verb*
 wòl
 poisoning wòllò
polish *verb*
 1 lĩl
 2 jwàā
 polishing lillò, jwàyyò
poor *adjective*
 làcààn
Pope *noun*
 pápà ITA *papa*
porcupine *noun*
 còò
porridge *noun*
 nyùkà
possible *adjective*
 twérrè
possibly *adverb*
 1 gwòòk
 2 nyòò
post *verb*
 cwàāl
post office *noun*
 pòctà (ENG)
pot *noun*
 àgúlú

pound *noun*
 gịnèè
 ARA *jinee*
pound *verb*
 òòd
pounding *noun*
 òdòò
poverty *noun*
 cààn
pour *verb*
 òòny
praise *verb*
 pàāk
praising *noun*
 páāk, pàkkò
pray *verb*
 lèēg
 praying lèggò
prayer *noun*
 lèggà
praying *noun*
 lèggò, lèggà
preen *verb*
 bùūc
 preening bùccò
pregnant *noun*
 (is pregnant) òyáác
pregnancy *noun*
 yáác
present *adjective*
 tyéé
press *verb*
 1 diĩ
 2 (of clothes) gòò
pretty *adjective*
 lèng
prevent *verb*
 gèēg
 prevention gèngò

price *noun*
 wéél
prick *verb*
 còòb, cùùb
 pricking còbbò, cùbbù
pride *verb*
 wàkéè
pride *noun*
 àwákká
priest *noun*
 1 pádi
 ITA *padre*
 2 mínìcà (ENG)
primogeniture *noun*
 kàyòò
prise *noun*
 1 gwèèl 2 kòòl
 prising gwèllò, kòllò
prison *noun*
 1 màbùc
 ARA *maboosh*
 2 cígìin
 ARA *sign*
problem *noun*
 1 àyèllà
 2 lòòk
profit *noun*
 1 màgóbà
 SWA *magoba*
 2 pàidà
 SWA *faida*
progeny *noun*
 lùkwáyyò
prohibit *verb*
 gèēg
property *noun*
 jámì, jémì
prophet *noun*
 1 pròpétà (ENG)

2 lànébì
ARA neebi

prune *verb*
ngàād
pruning ngàaddò

pull *verb*
ywàā
pulling ywàyyò

pullover *noun*
1 cwétà (ENG)
2 pùlàni
SWA fulani

pump *noun*
1 (of water) tângì
2 (of bicycle etc) lăpîk

pump *verb*
pîik
pumping pîikkò

punch *verb*
dòḡng
punching dònngò

punch-up *noun*
lwéeny

punctual *adjective*
còòn

pupil *noun*
làtín kwàān
PLU lùtinnò kwáán

pus *noun*
túút

push *verb*
còḡr
pushing còrrò

put *verb*
kèēt
putting kèttò

python *noun*
nyáló, nyéló

Q q

quail *noun*
jwííl

quarrel *verb*
dàā

queen *noun*
dáá kèēr

question *noun*
pèēny

question *verb*
pèēny

questioning pèennyò

queue *verb*
ryèē

quickly *adverb*
òyòt òyòt

quiet *adjective*
lìng

quinine *noun*
kwìnnìn (ENG)

R r

rabbit *noun*
àpwóyò

race *verb*
ngwèēc
racing ngwèēc

race *noun*
ngwèēc

rack *noun*
lòrò

radio *noun*
rádíò (ENG)

rag *noun*
làwííny

rain *noun*
kòòt

rain *verb*
cwèē
raining cwèē

rainbow *noun*
dànyú

raise *verb*
ìl

raising ìllò

rank *noun*
rwóóm

rat *noun*
òyòḡ

raw *adjective*
númú

reach *verb*
1 òḡ

2 tũũn
reaching òḡ

razor *noun*
lyèdí

read *verb*
kwàān

reading *noun*
kwáán, kwànnò

ready *adverb*
báá

real *adjective*
1 àdáá
2 àtíkàà

reap *verb*
kàā
reaping káác, kàyyò

rear *noun, adjective*

1 cèēn
2 ìngèēc

rear *verb*
pîit

rearing *noun*
pîit, pîttò

record *verb*
1 (of picture, voice) màāk
2 (in writing) còḡ pííny
recording màkkò

red *adjective*
kwàār

reek *verb*
ngwèē

refugee *noun*
làrìng àyèllà

refuse *verb*
kwèēr
refusing kwèrrò

reign *verb*
1 lòḡ
2 tèēl

reign *noun*
lóc

relations *noun*
wàāt

religion *noun*
dîñ
SWA dîni

remind *verb*
pòḡ wíyyè

rent *verb*
pàāng (SWA)
renting pànnḡ

repeat *verb*
nwòḡ
repeating nwòyyò

reply *verb*
dwòḡg
replying dwòggò

respect *verb*
wòḡr

respect *noun*

1 wóór
2 wórró
rest *noun*
ywěé
rest *verb*
ywěë
resting ywěyyó
return *verb*
1 (of self) dwòḍḍg
2 (of property) dwòḍk
returning *noun*
1 dwòḍggò
2 dwòkkò
rhinoceros *noun*
àmúkā
rice *noun*
1 rùṭ (ENG)
2 mùc̣é̄ḷē (SWA *mucele*)
richness *noun*
lònyò
riddle *noun*
kòḍc̣
right *noun*
(of hand) àc̣ùṭc̣
right *adverb*
àtír
ring *verb*
(of bell, phone) gòò
ringing gòyyò (òláng)
rise *verb*
àā
rising àā
river *noun*
nàām
rock *noun*
1 lélé
2 gòḍet
root *noun*
jwíny

rope *noun*
tóól

rosary *noun*
ròjàr̀ò (ENG)

rot *verb*
tòòp

rough *adjective*
gwààr

row *noun*
dàà

royal *noun*
1 làkẹ́ér
2 làkààl

rub *verb*
ngũny
rubbing ngwĩnyò

rule *verb*
lòò

rule *noun*
lóóc

run *run*
rĩng

running *noun*
1 ngwèéc
2 rìngò

rust *adjective*
nyààl

S S

sack *noun*
 1 cùwáál
 SWA *suwaal*
 2 gùtìà
 ARA *gutia*
sack *verb*
 ryèèm
sacking ryèèmmò

saliva *noun*
láá

salt *noun*
1 kàdò
2 mǐlẹ̀
ARA *mile*

salute *verb*
càlúút (ENG)

same *adjective*
1 cáál
2 rọ̀ọm

samosa *noun*
càmúcà, càmúbùcà
SWA *samooza*

sample *noun*
kíít

sand *noun*
kwéyyọ

sandal *noun*
céndàál (ENG)

sandwich *noun*
còndọwǫ́c
ARA *sondowish*

sap *noun*
pííg

sauce *noun*
dèèk

saucer *noun*
cócà (ENG)

save *verb*
làār
saving làrrò

saviour *noun*
làlàár

saw *noun*
mùcémè

say *verb*
wààc
saying wàccò

scale *noun*
mǐjààn
ARA *mizaan*

scar *noun*
pòyyō

scatter *verb*
kèēt
scattering kètto

scent *noun*
ngwécécé

school *noun*
1 cùkúùl (ENG)
2 gààng kwáán

scissors *noun*
màgáác

scoop *verb*
gwèḗ
scooping gwèyyò

score *verb*
mòḗt
scoring mottò

scour *verb*
jwàā
scouring jwàyyò

scrape *verb*
dāāng

scream *verb*
dāāng

scrub *verb*
jwàā

scum *noun*
bwóyyò

scupper *verb*
kèēt
scuppering kètto

sear *verb*
wāāng
searing wànnò

search *verb*

yèēny
searching yènnnyò
seat *noun*
 1 kóóm
 2 kàbèdò
second-hand *noun*
 àlìwàrá
secondary school *noun*
 cínfà (ENG)
secret *adjective*
 mùtūng
secretary *noun*
 1 kàráán
 SWA *karani*
 2 cèkrètàrì (ENG)
see *verb*
 nèēn
seeing nènnò
seed *noun*
 nyílg
seek *verb*
 yèēny
seeking yènnnyò
seep *verb*
 tòōn
seeping tóón
seize *verb*
 kèēng
seizing kènnngò
sell *verb*
 càāt
selling càttò
seminary *noun*
 cèminárijò (ENG)
send *verb*
 cwàāl
senior *noun*
 cínfà (ENG)
sergeant *noun*
 1 cájēēn (ENG)

2 còwíc
 ARA *soweesh*
servant *noun*
 kàdáám
 ARA *kadaam*
seven *noun*
 àbíròdò
several *adjective*
 1 (mā) pòpòl
 2 dwòpòng
sew *verb*
 kwòdò
sewing kwòyyò
sewing machine *verb*
 1 càráán
 SWA *carani*
 2 mākānà
 ARA *makina*
sex *noun*
 ngót, nggòtèè
shade *noun*
 dúúl
shadow *noun*
 dúúl
shake *verb*
 yèēng
shaking yènnngò
shallow *adjective*
 nyèēb
shame *noun*
 lèwīc
sharp *adjective*
 bīt
sharpen *verb*
 pyèēt
sharpening pyèttò
shave *verb*
 lyèēl
shaving lyèllò

she *pronoun*
 1 én
 2 the short form in object position - e
sheep *noun*
 rómódò
shelter *noun*
 búngó
shepherd *noun*
 làkwàāt
 PLU *lùkwàāt*
shield *noun*
 kwòdòt
shield *verb*
 gèēng
shielding gènnngò, gwòkkò
shine *verb*
 1 ryéēny
 2 càār
shining ryènnnyò, càrrò
shinny *adjective*
 1 ryéēny
 2 càár
ship *noun*
 1 mēēl
 2 bàbūr
 ARA *baboor*
shirt *noun*
 cáttì (ENG)
shoe *noun*
 wàār
shoot *verb*
 cèēl
shop *noun*
 dùkáán
 SWA *duka*
short *adjective*
 cèēg
 PLU *cègò*

shout *verb*
 jwàā
show *verb*
 nyùtūt
showing nyùttò
shut *verb*
 1 lòōr
 2 cèēg
shutting lòrrò, cèggò
sick *adjective*
 twòdò
patient làtwòdò
side *noun*
 tēngé
sieve *noun*
 kèyikéyì
sieve *verb*
 kíí
sieving kíyyò
signing *noun*
 kèttò cíng
simple *adjective*
 yòdòt
sin *noun*
 báál
sinner *noun*
 làbáál
since *adverb*
 nìcákkèē
sing *verb*
 wēēr
singing wèrrò
single *adjective*
 àcèēl
sink *verb*
 lwīīny
sip *verb*
 gùtūb
sinking gùbbò

sisal *noun*
twórròò

sister *noun*
1 làmĩĩn
2 làmègò
PLU lùmègò

six *noun*
àbíçēl

size *noun*
cáj (ENG)

skim *verb*
gòò

skin *noun*
1 pyèèñ
2 dyèèl

skip *verb*
1 pyèè
2 kàāl

skipping pyèè, kàllò

sky *noun*
pòlò

slap *verb*
dòòng

slapping dònngò

sleep *verb*
nĩĩn

sleepng nĩĩnò

sleep *noun*
nĩĩnò

slip *verb*
cèēr

slipping cèrò

slow *adjective*
mòòt

slowly *adverb*
mòt mòt

smack *verb*
bàāp

slapping bàppò

small *adjective*
tídí

PLU tĩnnò

smallpox *noun*
nyàkàcùnà

smear *verb*
wĩĩr

smell *verb*
ngwèē

smell *noun*
ngwèccē

smile *noun*
bũũny

smoke *noun*
yìtò

smooth *adjective*
yòòm

snack *noun*
pèké

snake *noun*
twòòl

snare *verb*
bĩĩt

snaring bĩĩtò

snatch *verb*
gwàā

snatching gwàyyò

sneeze *verb*
jĩĩr

sneezing jĩĩrò

snow *noun*
pèē

soak *verb*
bĩĩl

soaking bĩĩlò

soap *noun*
càbũũn

SWA sabuni

sock *noun*
còkci (ENG)

soft *adjective*
1 yòòm
2 nèèp

soil *noun*
ngòòm

solar *noun*
cèèng

some *adjective*
1 múkēnè
2 móò

some are good múkēnè bèccò

give her some mìyyē móò

something *noun*
gĩĩn móó

son *noun*
wóóò

my son wóddàā

your son wóddũ

song *noun*
wéér

soon *adverb*
1 còòk, còòk
2 kòñì

sorcerer *noun*
1 làtáál
2 làjòk
PLU lùjògĩ

sore *adjective*
1 rēēm
2 lùt

sort *verb*
yèèr

sorting yèèrò

soul *noun*
tìpù

sound *noun*
dwóón

sour *adjective*
wàāc

soya bean *noun*
kàù

spanner *noun*
cìpànà (ENG)

spare *noun*
cìpéà (ENG)

spatter *verb*
kĩĩr

spattering kĩĩrò

speak *noun*
wàāc

speaking wàccò

spear *noun*
tóóng

spear *verb*
còòb

spearing còbbò

speech *noun*
lòòk

spell *verb*
(of casting) tàāl

casting a spell táál, tàllò

spin *verb*
wĩĩr

spinning wĩĩrò

splash *verb*
kĩĩr

splashing kĩĩrò

split *verb*
pòòk

splitting pòkkò

spoil *verb*
bàāl

spoiling bàllò

spoke *noun*
cĩĩg

ARA siliig

sponge *noun*
àmòòr

spoon *noun*
 1 màlāgà
 ARA malaga
 2 kījīkò
 SWA kijiko

sport *noun*
 tükù

sprain *verb*
 wīl

spread *verb*
 1 yāār
 2 pyēēl

squat *verb*
 nyōōng

squeeze *verb*
 bīl

squeezing biyyò

stack *verb*
 1 dōōd
 2 cāān

stacking 1 dōōd 2 cānò

stale *adjective*
 òkwòòk

stalk *noun*
 līb

stand *verb*
 cūūng

standing cūūng, cūnngò

star *noun*
 làkálátwēēr

stay *verb*
 bèēd

staying bèdò

steal *verb*
 kwāāl

stealing kwāllò

steep *adjective*
 cēré

stew *noun*
 dēēk

stick *noun*
 1 lūūt
 2 yāāt

stick *verb*
 cōōm

sting *verb*
 kàā

stinging kàyyò

stink *noun*
 ngwēē

stir *verb*
 rùūb

stirring rùbbò

stitch *verb*
 1 kwōō
 2 màāk

stitching kwōyyò, màkkò

stomach *noun*
 1 lī
 2 ìc

stone *noun*
 1 gwēēng
 2 kīdī

stool *noun*
 (human waste) cēēt

stop *verb*
 1 cūūng
 2 gēēng

stopping cūnngò gēnngò

store *noun*
 cūtòā (ENG)

straight *adjective*
 àtír

stream *noun*
 kùllò

stretch *verb*
 ngāād

stretching ngāddò

striking *verb*
 (with a stick) twānngò

string *noun*
 tóól

string *verb*
 kēēd

stringing kēddò

strip *verb*
 līr

stripping lirrò

strong *adjective*
 tèēk

struggling *noun*
 tūtētē

stub *verb*
 yōōk

stubbing yōkkò

study *noun*
 kwāán

sudy *verb*
 kwāān

studying kwāán, kwānnò

stump *noun*
 àdūúl

subject *noun*
 cábjēēk (ENG)

suck *verb*
 dōōt

sucking dōttò

sue *verb*
 dōōt

suing dōttò

suit *noun*
 cūút (ENG)

sugar *noun*
 cūkáál (ENG)

sulk *verb*
 jūtūl

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sum *noun*
 wēēl

summon *verb*
 lwōōng

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Sunday *noun*
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 màād

swabbing màddò

swallow *verb*
 mwōōny

swallowing mwōnnyò

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sweep *verb*
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 1 lìim
 2 mìit

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swindle *verb*
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swing *verb*
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switch *verb*
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lĩbĩrā
ARA *ibra*

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méjà
SWA *meza*
tablet *noun*
yààt àmúnyáà
tail *noun*
yíĩb
tailor *noun*
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PLU *lùkwóóc*
2 tẹrẹjì
ARA *terez*
3 pùndì
SWA *fundì*
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tẹēr
tale *noun*
òdòdò
talk *verb*
lòòk
tall *adjective*
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SWA *msoro*
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teacher *noun*
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SWA *simu*
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àpàār
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tent *noun*
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SWA *kema*

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làkwòdò
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tịn
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2 làtín
toilet *noun*
1 còrọ̀n
SWA *sononi*
2 bàkánà

ARA *bakhana*
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nyányà
tomb *noun*
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SWA *boma*
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tracking ròttò

trade *noun*
càat
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SWA *gari ya moshi*
2 gátààr
ARA *ghataar*
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2 ciĩk
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2 ngàād
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troublesome làyèllà
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àdàá
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kọ̀p
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2 (cycles) tyèēn lélà

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jémí, jámì

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underneath *preposition*

itèè

underpants *noun*

libáác

ARA libaas

understand *verb*

nìāng

I did not understand pé ániāng

understanding niāng, niānggò

underwear *noun*

libáác

ARA libaas

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àyélà

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gòbà

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twòdò

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wán, wá

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wèē

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lèér

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SWA fulani

vicar *noun*

pádi

ITA padre

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ngòòk

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 1 kúlú
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 mā làtáál
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2 PLU wùùn

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This is your house mán òt

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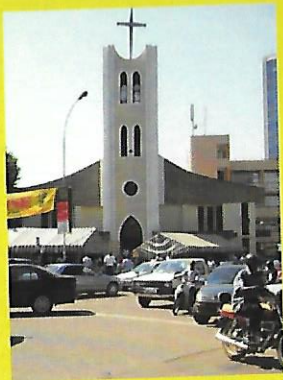
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Acholi is a Nilo-Saharan language of the Nilotic stock belonging to the southern cluster of Lwo languages found in Uganda, Kenya and the Sudan. In Uganda, the Acholi (800000 speakers) occupy the northernmost districts of Gulu, Kitgum, Amuru and Pader while in the Sudan, the Acholi (50000 speakers), share the southernmost county of Magwi with the Ma'di. The Acholi language has varying degrees of mutual intelligibility with a number of languages spoken across four countries; Uganda (Lango, Kumam, Alur, Jo pa Dhola), in the Sudan (Jur, Pari, Anyua and Chollo), and in Kenya and Tanzania (Lwo). This dictionary differs from similar earlier projects in a number of important respects. First, it exploits the full range of the ten vowels that the language has, rather than restricting itself to the five commonly used

vowels. Secondly, it acknowledges the importance of tone and utilizes it to aid the process of word identification, discrimination and distinction. Thirdly, the dictionary provides etymological information on the sources of borrowed words to excavate the sociopolitical contacts of the Acholi people. Fourthly, words from the various dialects of Acholi spoken in both Uganda and the Sudan find equal prominence, reflecting the author's own background and the strength and depth of the informants. Fifthly, it is the product of a linguist who has a near native level command of the language, having spent most of his formative years among the Acholi of Uganda and more recently living among the Acholi of the Sudan. Lastly, this dictionary gives both Acholi - English and English - Acholi versions of lexical items.

An equally important feature of this dictionary is its attempt at establishing a clear and concise way of pronouncing and writing Acholi words which should be invaluable to both the native speaker and the foreign learner of the language. While seeking to establish a standardised way of spelling Acholi words, ironically this dictionary does not advocate the marking of tones, nor the distinction of vowel quality in writing Acholi, except in specialized projects like dictionaries, as meaning of Acholi words can often be easily deciphered from the context.

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